MINUTES

OF THE

SYNOD OF SOUTH CAROLINA,

AT THEIR

SESSIONS IN THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH,

AT

CAMDEN, SOUTH CAROLINA,

November, 1855:

WITH

AN APPENDIX.

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MINUTES.

FIRST SESSION.

Presbyterian Church, Camden, S. C.
Wednesday, Nov. 7, 1855, 7 o'clock, P. M.

The Synod of South Carolina met according to adjournment in the Presbyterian Church, Camden, at 7 o'clock, P. M., and was opened with a Sermon by the Moderator, Rev. Reuben Post, D. D., from 2 Cor. v: 14, 15: "For the love of Christ constraineth us; because we thus judge, that if one died for all, then were all dead: and that He died for all, that they which live, should not henceforth live unto themselves, but unto Him which died for them and rose again." Constituted with prayer.

Upon calling the roll, the following persons were found to be

PRESENT.

Presbytery of South Carolina.

Ministers.—T. L. McBride, A. D. Montgomery, W. McWhorter, W. H. Davis, S. S. Gaillard, J. C. Williams, Joseph Gibert, R. H. Reid, David Wills, A. A. Morse.

Ruling Elders.—J. F. Livingston, Upper Long Cane; Chan. Job Johnston, Avaleigh; Hall Rogers, Willington; Carver Randall, Hopewell, (Keowee); Samuel Donald, Greenville; A. Walker, Rocky River and Providence; A. O. Norris, Anderson C. H; M. O. Talman, Hopewell; Francis Calhoun, Little River.

Presbytery of Bethel.

Ministers.—J. R. Baird, W. J. McCormick, J. G. Richards, J. R. Gilland.

Ruling Elders.—S. C. Robinson, Catholic and Pleasant Grove;

J. E. Caldwell, Mt. Olivet and Concord; S. M. Johnson, Ebenezer; W. B. Allison, Allison Creek.

Presbytery of Harmony.

Ministers.—W. Brearley, D. McQueen, J. A. Wallace, S. H. Hay, E. P. Palmer, A. L. Crawford, G. W. Boggs, W. M. Reid, G. C. Gregg, G. Morgan, James Douglass.

Ruling Elders.—J. K. Douglass, Camden; Thomas Lauderdale, Lebanon and Salem, (L. R.); A. Wilson, Darlington; D. Bethune, Pine Tree; S. E. Wilson, Mt. Zion; J. J. Knox, Sumterville; M. E. Muldrow, Salem, (B. R.); J. S. Bradley, Bishopville; John Barnes, Liberty Hill; W. Daniels, Indiantown; G. R. Hunter, Aimwell.

Presbytery of Charleston.

Ministers.—A. W. Leland, D. D., Reuben Post, D. D., B. M. Palmer, D. D., W. Baird, R. A. Mickle.

Ruling Elder.—A. F. Browning, 2d Church, Charleston.

ABSENT.

Presbytery of South Carolina.

Ministers.—A. W. Ross, D. Humphreys, J. L. Kennedy, E. T. Buist, J. Hillhouse, C. B. Stewart, Z. L. Holmes, J. McLees, J. B. Hillhouse, J. J. Boozer, Samuel Donnelly, Robert Logan, W. H. Singletary, T. A. Hoyt.

Churches.—Good Hope and Roberts, Carmel, Nazareth, Laurens C. H., Mt. Zion, Broadaway, Midway, Mt. Tabor, Fairview, Lebanon, Bethia, Pickens C. H., Retreat, Richland, Nazareth, (B. D.), Rocky Spring, Friendship, New Harmony, Duncan's Creek, Smyrna, Rock, Greenville C. H., Bethany, Liberty Spring, Bethesda, Gilder's Creek, Mt. Bethel, Little Mountain, Spartanburg C. H., North Pacolet, Mt. Calvary, Warrior's Creek, Antioch, Bethel, Varennes.

Presbytery of Bethel.

Ministers.—P. E. Bishop, J. M. H. Adams, J. H. Saye, W. Banks, A. W. Miller, J. E. White, J. L. Davies, S. L. Watson, L. W. Curtis, J. M. Anderson, A. A. James.

Churches.—Bethel, Beersheba, Bethesda, Cane Creek, Lancasterville and Waxhaw, Hopewell, Cedar Shoals, Bullock's Creek, Yorkville, Unity, Unionville, Shiloh, Fishing Creek, Fairforest, Purity, Salem, Six Mile Creek.

Presbytery of Harmony.

MINISTERS.—J. Harrington, T. R. English, J. L. Wilson, A. Bui, J. C. Coit, M. D. Fraser, P. Pierson, Jos. Brown, D. E. Frierson, W. W. Wilson, A. E. Chandler, A. D. Campbell.

CHURCHES.—Hopewell, Winnsboro', Beaver Creek, Hephzibah, Midway, Concord, Cheraw, Little Pedee, Marion C. H., Williamsburg, Lynchburg, Brewington, Harmony, Great Pedee, Reedy Creek, White Oak, Horeb, Carolina, Pisgah.

Presbytery of Charleston.

MINISTERS.—Edward Palmer, W. S. Lee, Geo. Howe, D. D., Thos. Smyth, D. D., J. B. Adger, D. D., J. H. Thornwell, D. D., John Douglas, Ferdinand Jacobs, J. L. Kirkpatrick, D. D., Edwin Cater, W. C. Dana, J. S. K. Legare, T. H. Legare, J. B. Dunwody, John Forrest, D. D., J. L. Girardeau, A. F. Dickson, James Stratton, D. X. Lafar, W. B. Corbett, B. E. Lanneau.

CHURCHES.—Central Church, Charleston, Glebe-street, Charleston, 1st. Church, Columbia, Beech Island, Wilton, Walterboro', James Island, Orangeburg, John's Island and Wadmalaw, Barnwell, C. H.

Upon completing the roll, Rev. G. C. Gregg was chosen Moderator, and Rev. E. P. Palmer, Temporary Clerk.

It was on motion

Resolved, That the daily sessions of the Synod be held between the hours of 9 o'clock, A. M., to 1 o'clock, P. M., and 3 to 5 o'clock, P. M.: but that to allow the Society for the relief of indigent families of deceased Ministers an opportunity for meeting, according to the desire of the President, Synod should recede from business at the hour of 12, on to-morrow.

A Committee on Religious Exercises was appointed, consisting of S. H. Hay, W. M. Reid, Ministers, and J. K. Douglass, Elder.

Rev. H. I. Coe, of the Synod of Illinois, and Rev. Messrs. Stacey and Coffin, of the M. E. Church, being present, were invited to sit as corresponding members.

Synod then adjourned with prayer, to meet to-morrow, in the Presbyterian Church, at 9 o'clock, A. M.

SECOND SESSION.

Presbyterian Church, Camden, S. C.
Thursday, November 8, 1855, 9 o'clock, A. M.

Synod met according to adjournment, and was opened with prayer. The roll was called, and the following members answered to their names, in addition to those enrolled last night, viz:

From Presbytery of South Carolina.

Ministers.—D. Humphreys, Z. L. Holmes, J. McLees, Samuel Donnelly, E. T. Buist.

Ruling Elders.—J. W. Simpson, Laurens C. H.; J. M. Harrison, Fairview; J. H. Dillard, Rocky Spring; Thomas Weir, Duncan's Creek; James Gillam, Rock; R. E. Campbell, Liberty Spring.

Presbytery of Bethel.

Ministers.—P. E. Bishop, S. L. Watson, A. A. James.

Ruling Elders.—F. A. Erwin, Bethesda; R. D. Dunlap, Waxhaw; W. S. Dunlap, Hopewell; C. Gage, Unionville; A. Walker, Purity.

Presbytery of Harmony.

Ministers.—J. L. Wilson, Joseph Brown, D. E. Frierson.

Ruling Elders.—James McCown, Hopewell; M. Carmichael, Little Pedee.

Presbytery of Charleston.

Ministers.—George Howe, D. D., John Douglas, J. L. Kirkpatrick, D. D., W. C. Dana, J. B. Adger, D. D., James Stratton, W. B. Corbett.

Ruling Elders.—J. S. Bowie, Central Church, Charleston; J. A. Enslow, Glebe-street, Charleston; J. S. Scott, Columbia.

The Minutes of last night's Session were read and approved. Letters were read from Rev. J. I. Boozer, Rev. A. E. Chandler, and Rev. J. C. Coit, and from the Session of Broadaway Church, assigning reasons for absence from the present meeting, which were severally sustained. Satisfactory reasons for non-representation at the present meeting were made in behalf of the Churches of Bethel, Marion C. H. and Little River, Laurens District.

Rev. E. Pressley, D. D., and Rev. W. R. Hemphill, of the Associate Reformed Synod of the South, being present, were invited to sit as Corresponding Members.

Absentees from the last meeting, and the churches not represented in the same, were called upon to render excuses, which were severally sustained.

The Annual Report of the Board of Directors of the Theological Seminary was presented and read, and was referred to a Special Committee, consisting of J. R. Gilland, T. L. McBride, Jas. Douglass, Ministers; J. J. Knox, J. S. Scott, Elders.

Rev. H. I. Coe having visited the Synod in the service of the Church Extension Committee at St. Louis, he was attentively heard upon the subject of his mission, and the whole subject was referred to a Special Committee, viz: John Douglas, D. E. Frierson, Ministers; J. S. Bowie, Elder.

The Moderator announced the appointment of the following Committees:

Bills and Overtures.—A. D. Montgomery, A. W. Leland, D. D., P. E. Bishop, Ministers; James Gillam, A. Wilson, Elders.

Judicial Committee.—R. Post, D. D., J. L. Kirkpatrick, D. D., D. McQueen, Ministers; Job Johnson and Carver Randall, Elders.

Financial Committee.—A. F. Browning, J. H. Dillard, J. E. Caldwell, Elders.

Committee on Narrative.—W. C. Dana, A. A. Morse, Ministers; R. D. Dunlap, Elder.

Committee on Minutes of Assembly.—W. Baird, D. Humphreys, Ministers; J. F. Livingston, Elder.

Committee on Records of South Carolina Presbytery.—J. R. Gilland, J. A. Wallace, Ministers; G. R. Hunter, Elder.

Committee on Records of Bethel Presbytery.—John Douglas, A. L. Crawford, Ministers; S. E. Wilson, Elder.

Committee on Records of Harmony Presbytery.—W. McWhorter, S. L. Watson, Ministers; S. C. Robinson, Elder.

Committee on Records of Charleston Presbytery.—Z. L. Holmes, Joseph Brown, Ministers; J. McCown, Elder.

The account for publishing the Minutes of Synod for 1854 was rendered by the Clerk, and referred to the Financial Committee.

The Committee on Religious Exercises reported in part that Rev. P. E. Bishop will preach at 7 o'clock this evening, and Rev. R. A. Mickle at 11 o'clock on to-morrow morning.

Rev. Messrs. Pressly and Hemphill, having appeared as Delegates to this Synod from the Associate Reformed Synod of the South, it was made the first order at 3 o'clock, P. M., to hear these brethren in reference to their mission.

It was made the second order for the afternoon to receive the Statistical Reports and Narratives of the different Presbyteries.

A communication from the Church at Greenville C. H., was read and referred to the Committee of Bills and Overtures.

The Stated Clerk of the Presbytery of Charleston presented certain papers in respect to the recent action of that Presbytery upon a call from the First Presbyterian Church in New Orleans, which were referred to the Judicial Committee.

Rev. W. W. Wilson, Rev. W. Banks, and Col. W. McCreight, Ruling Elder of Scion Church, appeared in Synod, and after assigning satisfactory reasons for tardiness, took their seats.

Synod then took recess till 3 o'clock, P. M.

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Synod met after recess. On motion the first order was suspended and the second order was taken up, when the Statistical Reports and Narratives were received and read. The Narratives were placed in the hands of the Committee on the Narrative. The Statistical Reports are as follows:

The Presbytery of Harmony report to Synod: That they consist of 24 Ministers; and have under their care 31 Churches, one licentiate and four candidates. They have dissolved the Pastoral relation between Rev. D. McQueen and Concord Church, and between Rev. T. A. Hoyt and Liberty Hill Church, and dismissed Rev. T. A. Hoyt to the Presbytery of South Carolina. They have licensed Messrs. James A. Cousar and C. H. Wilson, and ordained Mr. C. H. Wilson as an evangelist to labour among the Indians of the West. They have received Rev. James Douglas on certificate from Bethel Presbytery.

Charleston Presbytery would respectfully report to Synod: That they consist of 28 Ministers, have under their care 5 licentiates, 3 candidates and 12 Churches. Since the last Synod they have ordained Rev. Wm. B. Corbett, and installed him Pastor of the Wilton Church, St. Paul's Parish, and ordained the Rev. Bazil E. Lanneau

as an evangelist to labour in destitute settlements in Florida, where he makes his temporary home; have licensed to preach the Gospel, N. W. Edmonds, David H. Porter, A. Small, and R. Small; have erased from their roll the names of W. C. Howard and J. L. Bartlett, and dismissed Mr. D. H. Porter to put himself under the care of Georgia Presbytery; have received into their connection the Stoney Creek Church, hitherto Independent. The Anson Street Church has been detached from the Second Presbyterian, Charleston, and is now a Missionary Station. Have dissolved the Pastoral relation between Rev. Edward Palmer and Bethel Church, Walterboro, and dissolved the Pastoral relation between the Rev. B. M. Palmer, D. D., and the First Presbyterian Church, Columbia, and he has entered upon his Professorial duties in the Theological Seminary, Columbia; and also dissolved the Pastoral relations between the Rev. A. F. Dickson and the John's Island and Wadmalaw Church. The Rev. J. B. Dunwody has ceased to be the stated supply of the Stoney Creek Church, and the Rev. D. X. Lafar has ceased to supply the Orangeburg Church. The Rev. Edward Palmer has accepted a call to the Stoney Creek Church.

The Presbytery of South Carolina report to the Synod of South Carolina: That they consist of 26 Ministers, and have under their care 49 Churches, one licentiate and seven candidates. They have dissolved the Pastoral relation between Rev. Wm. B. Telford and Aveleigh Church, and dismissed him to join the Cherokee Presbytery, (Ga.) They have also dissolved the Pastoral relation between Rev. J. I. Boozer and Hopewell and Little River Churches, and the Pastoral relation between Rev. Wm. Carlile and Broadaway Church; and have received and constituted the Pastoral relation between Rev. T. A. Hoyt and Upper Long Cane Church. They have licensed Mr. Robert McLees to preach the Gospel; have organized two new churches, and Rev. I. N. Cowan has departed this life.

The Presbytery of Bethel report to Synod: That they consist of 14 Ministers, and have under their care 25 Churches, two licentiates and two candidates. Of their Ministers 8 are settled Pastors, and 3 are stated supplies; 2 are non-resident, of whom one is a Teacher, and labours as a stated supply for two churches in Harmony Presbytery, and the other is in feeble health; and one is the President of the Yorkville Female College. Of our Licentiates one is a Teacher and laboring as a stated supply for one of the Churches in Harmony Presbytery, and the other has been lately licensed. Two of our

churches have obtained leave to employ, as a stated supply, a licentiate of the Presbytery of Hopewell, Ga., and five are vacant. They would further report that they have dissolved the Pastoral relation between Rev. A. W. Miller and the Church of Fishing Creek, and dismissed him to join the Presbytery of Concord, N. C.; the Pastoral relations have also been dissolved between Rev. James Douglas and the united churches of Waxhaw and Lancasterville, and Mr. Douglas dismissed to join the Presbytery of Harmony. Rev. J. M. H. Adams has been installed Pastor of the Church at Yorkville. They would also report that a new Church, called Zion, has been organized in Chester District, and taken under care of the Presbytery; and that the Yorkville Female College has been "incorporated" by the Legislature of South Carolina, and a joint share in its management, through a Board of Trustees, offered to the First Presbytery of the A. R. Synod of the South. Rev. Wm. B. Davies has departed this life.

The Judicial Committee offered their report upon the papers put in their hands, as follows:

The Judicial Committee would report that they have had placed in their hands a complaint of certain Commissioners, from the First Presbyterian Church in New Orleans, against a decision of the Charleston Presbytery, refusing to place a call from said Church to the Rev. B. M. Palmer, in his hands; also a complaint against the same decision by a minority of said Presbytery. The Committee find these complaints to be in order, and recommend that, inasmuch as the two complaints refer to the same subject, and are urged on grounds substantially the same, they be taken up together and considered as one. Further, the Committee recommend the following order of proceedings in the case:

1. Read the Records of the Presbytery in the case with the decision complained of.
2. Read the complaints and other papers connected with them.
3. Hear the complainants.
4. Hear the Presbytery through its representatives.
5. Hear the complainants strictly in reply.
6. Hear any members of the Presbytery who may desire to express their views.
7. Hear members of the Synod.
8. Take the vote.

On motion, the Report was adopted, and the whole subject was made the special order for to-morrow, at 10 o'clock.

The first order, which had been suspended, was taken up, when the Delegates of the Associate Reformed Synod of the South, Rev. Messrs. Hemphill and Pressly, were heard; after which the whole subject was referred to a Special Committee, consisting of J. L. Kirkwood, D. D., P. E. Bishop, W. Banks, Chan. Job Johnston, and Jas. Gillam.

Rev. J. C. Williams obtained leave of absence after the session of this evening.

On motion, it was

Resolved, That during the remaining sessions of the Synod, the first half hour be spent in devotional exercises every morning before proceeding to business.

Synod then adjourned with prayer, to meet to-morrow morning, at 9 o'clock.

THIRD SESSION.

Presbyterian Church, Camden, S. C.
Friday, November 9, 1855, 9 o'clock, A. M.

Synod met according to adjournment, and spent half an hour in devotional exercises, agreeably with the order taken last evening.

The Minutes of yesterday were read and approved.

T. Smyth, D. D., Rev. James Cohen, Rev. M. D. Fraser, Rev. J. E. White, Rev. J. L. Girardeau, Mr. John Blakely, Clinton Church, and Dr. M. McClean, Cheraw Church, appeared in Synod, and having assigned satisfactory reasons for tardiness, took their seats.

It was made the special order for to-morrow morning at 11 o'clock, to hear the Rev. J. L. Wilson on the subject of Foreign Missions; and Mr. Wilson was appointed also to preach the Annual Discourse on Foreign Missions, in place of Rev. M. Girardeau, who was appointed as alternate last year, and requested to be excused from the service.

Rev. W. P. Gready, of the Synod of Georgia, being present, was invited to sit as a corresponding member.

Nomination was made to fill vacancies in the Board of Directors of the Theological Seminary, and the election was made the order of the day to-morrow morning, at 9½ o'clock.

The Committee on Finance presented the following report on the bill for printing Minutes of Synod, which was adopted:

The Financial Committee, to whom the bill of I. C. Morgan, for $107, for the printing of six hundred copies of the Minutes of the last Synod was referred, beg leave to report the bill as correct.

They recommend the following assessment to meet the same:

South Carolina Presbytery,	- - -	$30 00
Bethel	" - - -	22 00
Harmony	" - - -	28 00
Charleston	" - - -	27 00
Total,	- - - - - -	$107 00

They further recommend that the Clerks of said Presbyterys at once pay over these amounts to the Clerk of this Synod, and he be directed to pay the above bill.

The order of the day was then taken up, being the complaint of the Commissioners of the New Orleans Church, and also of the minority of the Presbytery of Charleston, against the action of said Presbytery in refusing to place the call of that Church in the hands of Rev. B. M. Palmer, D. D. The order of proceedings, as reported by the Judicial Committee, was followed: the papers in the case being read, on motion, the order was so far changed as to call on Rev. B. M. Palmer, D. D., for the expression of his views, before hearing the pleadings of the parties.

Synod then receded from business to attend on public worship. After Divine service Synod came again to order, and took recess till 3 o'clock, P. M.

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3 o'clock, P. M.

Synod met after recess.

The unfinished business of the morning was resumed, to wit: The complaint against the action of Presbytery upon the call from New Orleans; when opportunity was allowed Rev. B. M. Palmer, D. D., to express fully his views. After which the complainants were heard through Mr. Robert Gilchrist, their representative.

The discussion was here arrested to receive the Report of the Committee on Devotional Exercises, which was adopted, and is as follows:

Friday Night.—A Sermon by Rev. W. C. Dana.

Saturday, 4 *o'clock*, *P. M.*—The Synodical Prayer Meeting, to be conducted by the Moderator, and addresses made by Geo. Howe, D. D., and Rev. E. T. Buist.

Saturday Night.—Missionary Sermon by Rev. J. L. Wilson.

Sabbath Morning.—Sermon by J. L. Kirkpatrick, D. D. Communion Service by Drs. A. W. Leland and R. Post.

Sabbath Afternoon.—Discourse by T. Smyth, D. D.

Sabbath Night.—Sermon by B. M. Palmer, D. D.

In the Methodist Church:

Sabbath Morning.—Sermon by Rev. D. McQueen.

Sabbath Afternoon.—Sermon by Rev. J. L. Girardeau.

Sabbath Night.—Sermon by Rev. J. L. McBride.

Leave of absence was granted to Messrs. Thomas Weir and G. R. Hunter after the session of this day.

It was

Resolved, That the Financial part of the Report of Foreign Missions be read in connection with the Address of Rev. J. L. Wilson to-morrow morning, at 11 o'clock.

Synod then took recess till after public worship to-night.

8½ o'clock, P. M.

Synod met and resumed the unfinished business, to wit: The complaint against the Presbytery of Charleston, when the Presbytery was heard through its Commissioners, Drs. George Howe and J. B. Adger.

Leave of absence from the remaining sessions of the Synod was granted to Dr. J. F. Livingston and Rev. G. W. Boggs.

Synod then adjourned until to-morrow morning, at 9 o'clock, A. M. Closed with prayer.

FOURTH SESSION.

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, CAMDEN, S. C.
Saturday, Nov. 10, 1855, 10 o'clock, A. M.

Synod met according to adjournment, and spent half an hour in devotional exercises.

The Minutes of yesterday were read and approved.

The order of the day was taken up, being the election to fill vacancies in the Board of Directors of the Theological Seminary, which resulted in the choice of John Douglas, J. B. Adger, D. D., T. Smyth, D. D., J. L. McBride, Ministers; A. Crawford, R. T. Brumby, J. K. Douglass, Laymen.

The Committees on the Records of the Presbyteries of South Carolina, Bethel, Harmony and Charleston, presented their reports, recommending severally their approval, which were respectively adopted.

The Committee on the Minutes of the General Assembly offered their report, that they find nothing in the same calling for the attention of this Synod, and requested to be discharged. The report was accepted and the request granted.

The Committee appointed at the last meeting to report at this time on the expediency and practicability of establishing a Depository of the Books of the Board of Publication in the City of Charleston, presented a report, which was read and placed on the docket.

The Committee, to whom the Synod at its last meeting referred the subject of a Synodical Female College, reported that, under existing circumstances, with flourishing Female Seminaries established, or projected, in all the Presbyteries, it is inexpedient to undertake such an enterprise. The report was adopted.

The unfinished business of yesterday was resumed, to wit: the complaint against the Presbytery of Charleston, when the complainants were heard in reply through their representative, Mr. Gilchrist; in the course of whose remarks the time for the special order of the day having arrived, the discussion was suspended.

The special order was taken up, when the Financial part of the Report of the Executive Committee on Foreign Missions was read, and referred to a Special Committee, consisting of E. T. Buist, J. A. Wallace, Ministers; Dr. M. McLean, Elder.

Rev. J. L. Wilson, one of the Secretaries of the Board of Foreign Missions, addressed the Synod on this subject, and was followed with addresses by Rev. Messrs. Adger, Cohen, and Smyth.

Rev. M. Taylor, of the M. E. Church, Missionary to China, being present, was invited to sit as a Corresponding Member.

Leave of absence during the remaining sessions was granted to Messrs. A. F. Browning, J. H. Dillard, R. E. Campbell, D. Bathune, and R. D. Dunlap.

The Committee on Devotional Exercises further reported that Rev.

James Stratton would preach in the Baptist Church on Sabbath morning, and Rev. A. D. Montgomery on Sabbath night.

In view of the pressure of business upon the Synod, and of the fact that Synod had already been so much engaged in devotional exercises, it was, on motion,

Resolved, That the Synodical Prayer Meeting, appointed for this afternoon, be dispensed with.

After prayer, bearing specially upon the subject of Foreign Missions, which had this morning so fully engaged the attention of Synod, this body took recess till 3 o'clock, P. M.

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3 o'clock, P. M.

Synod met after recess.

The Committee, to whom were referred the resolutions transmitted from the Associate Reformed Synod of the South and the whole subject of union with that body, offered their report, which was placed on the docket.

Synod then resumed the unfinished business, viz: the complaint against the Presbytery of Charleston, when Mr. Gilchrist, in behalf of the complainants, continued his pleadings. After which the members of the Presbytery were called upon for the expression of their individual views. The members of the Synod were then called upon to express their opinions. The vote was then taken by the calling of the roll, which stood, 63 not to sustain, 9 to sustain. Notice was then given by Mr. Gilchrist, acting under the instructions of the complainants, of a complaint against the decision of the Synod, to be laid before the next General Assembly.

A letter from Rev. J. H. Thornwell, D. D., was read, notifying the Synod of his acceptance of the Chair of Theology in the Seminary.

The Committee appointed at the last meeting of Synod to confer with any similar Committee of the Associate Synod of the South, presented their report, which was adopted, and is as follows:

The Committee appointed to confer with the Associate Reformed Synod of the South, report that they have had no direct official correspondence with that body, or with any committee appointed by them. After some correspondence among the members of your Committee we did not deem it *necessary* to attend in person their late Synodical meeting, or to make any overtures on the proposed subjects

for conference, other than we had already made the year before, supposing that our advances would be met, by notice given to your Committee, or directly to our Synod. This latter course was adopted by them, where delegates have already been fully heard, reciprocating your kind regards, and proposing a measure for our co-operation, with the *hope* thereby of ultimately drawing around us all, more closely, the bonds of fellowship and union.

Dr. M. McLean obtained leave of absence from the remaining sessions.

After which Synod took recess until after public worship to-night.

8½ o'clock, P. M.

After Divine service, Synod came to order.

Rev. Messrs. S. Donnelly, and J. L. Wilson, and Messrs. M. O. Talman and C. Gage, obtained leave of absence after this evening's session.

Rev. B. M. Palmer, D. D., stated his acquiescence in the decision of the Synod, sustaining the action of the Charleston Presbytery in refusing to place in his hands the call from the 1st Church of New Orleans, and signified formally his acceptance of the Chair of Church History and Government in the Theological Seminary.

The Special Committee, to whom was referred the subject of Church Extension, brought before the body through the address of the Rev. Mr. Coe, submitted the following report, which was adopted.

The Committee, to whom was referred the subject of Church Extension, report:

Whereas, we believe the decisions and actions of the General Assembly, as our superior court, have claims upon our attention, and also, that the cause, from its own vast importance, has claims:

1. Therefore, *Resolved*, That this Synod have heard with great interest and sympathy the statements of the Rev. Mr. Coe, the Corresponding Secretary of the General Assembly's Church Extension Committee, in behalf of the important interests he represents.

2. That we regard the enterprise entrusted to the Church Extension Committee with approbation, and believe, if wisely managed, it will secure great good to our churches.

3. We approve of the scheme of operation proposed by that Committee, as expressed in their circular to the different Presbyteries.

4. That according to this plan no further action on the part of this Synod is called for, we would therefore commend this great work to our respective Presbyteries to take such action in these premises, and constitute such aid, as they may feel themselves called on to give.

The Committee on Bills and Overtures reported Overture No. 1, being a Resolution of the Presbytery of South Corolina requesting the appointment of a Committee to ascertain and define the boundaries of said Presbytery, particularly the line between it and the Presbytery of Charleston: whereupon, Geo. Howe, D. D., and Mr. James Gillam, were appointed said Committee.

James H. Thornwell, D. D., Principal, and Geo. Howe, D. D., alternate, were appointed to represent the Synod before the General Assembly, in case the Commissioners of the New Orleans Church should determine to prosecute their complaints against the Synod's decision, according to their notice already given.

The next Annual Meeting of the Synod, it was decided, should be held in the Presbyterian Church at Chesterville, on Wednesday before the second Sabbath in November, 1856, at 7 o'clock, P. M.

A letter was read from the President of the Society for the relief of indigent families of deceased Ministers, requesting that the following resolution might be spread upon the Minutes, which request was granted:

Resolved, That the Ministers of the Synod of South Carolina be requested to bring to this Society, its objects and claims, before their respective Congregations, at least two weeks before the next meeting of Synod, and that the Synod be requested to place this resolution in its Minutes.

Nomination was made to fill the vacancies in the Board of Trustees of Oglethorpe University, and the election was made the special order for Monday morning, at half-past 9 o'clock.

Adjourned with prayer, to meet at 9 o'clock on Monday morning.

FIFTH SESSION.

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, CAMDEN, S. C.
Monday, Nov. 12, 1855, 9 o'clock, A. M.

Synod met according to adjournment, and spent half an hour in devotional exercises.

The Minutes of Monday were read and approved.

The first order of the day was taken up, when the following persons were elected Trustees of Oglethorpe University for three years, viz: George Howe, D. D., Thomas Symth, D. D., T. R. English, B. M. Palmer, D. D., Ministers; G. W. Glenn, and J. W. Simpson, Laymen.

The Special Committee, to whom was referred the Report of the Board of Directors, submitted their Report, which was amended, adopted, and is as follows:

The Committee to whom was referred the Report of the Board of Directors of the Theological Seminary, find in that Report several matters deserving the attention of this Synod and the Synod of Georgia, in reference to which we recommend the adoption of the following resolutions, viz:

1st. *Resolved*, That this Synod approve of the disposition of the funds, made by the Board, according to their report.

2d. *Resolved*, That in reference to the increase of the Library, inasmuch as the fund contemplated to be raised for that purpose has not been completed, it is premature to take any action on that subject for the present.

3d. *Resolved*, That Synod is gratified to learn that suitable buildings have been erected for the better accommodation of students, the expense of which has been defrayed chiefly by the munificent donations of two ladies.

4th. *Resolved*, That in view of the present and prospective increase of the Library, this Synod considers that a new building is desirable, and should be provided as soon as practicable, and would, therefore, commend this object to the liberality of benevolent individuals and of churches.

5th. *Resolved*, That inasmuch as a very large liberality has been exercised by those who have already contributed to the "Fund for endowing a fourth chair and increasing the Library," and especially by those who commenced the effort, there is a pressing obligation upon the Synods to carry this fund, if possible, to the full sum contemplated, viz: $60,000. And that, accordingly, the Synod do appoint the following brethren to carry on this work, and conjointly as a Committee in this Synod, with full powers to do all that may in their judgment be advisable to effect this object, viz: Rev. A. Leland, D. D., Rev. J. B. Adger, D. D., and Rev. Messrs. Gregg, Bishop, Banks and T. L. McBryde.

6th. *Resolved*, That inasmuch as the completion of the effort in

the securing of the above sum would enable us to accomplish the object now to be indicated, this Synod is of the opinion, notwithstanding Dr. Thornwell's acceptance of the call of the two Synods upon a salary of $2,000 and his house rent, thereby agreeing to sacrifice about $1,500 of his present income, that in consideration of his large family and the growing expensiveness of living in Columbia, his salary should be fixed at $2,500 and his house rent, and that the Synod of Georgia be overtured so to fix his salary.

7th. *Resolved*, That the salary of Dr. Palmer be fixed for the present at $2,000, but that Synod looks forward to the raising of his salary and that of all the Professors, and would, therefore, hold up this object to the remembrance of our Christian people in their legacies and donations.

8th. *Resolved*, That this paper, together with the Report of the Board of Directors, be transmitted to the Synod of Georgia, and that some member of this body be commissioned to present them in person at the approaching meeting of that Synod, in Georgia.

Rev. T. L. McBride was appointed, under the last resolution, to attend the Synod of Georgia at its approaching sessions, as the delegate of this body.

The Synodical Committee of Education presented their Annual Report, which was referred to a Special Committee, consisting of R. H. Reid, Jos. Brown, Ministers; J. A. Enslow, Elder.

The Report of the Committee on the expediency and practicability of establishing a Depository of the Books of Publication, was taken up from the docket, and after considerable discussion, the whole subject was laid upon the table. The Report is as follows:

The Committee appointed by the Synod at the last meeting, to inquire into the practicability of establishing a Depository of the Books of the Board of Publication, report:

That we have had several conferences on the subject referred to us, and have sought all the information within our reach, a summary of which is here presented to the Synod:

1. As to the importance of such a Depository, it is presumed there cannot be a doubt. Mr. D. W. Harrison, who kept on hand, upon his own responsibility, a small and partial supply of the books, has deceased and his business been closed, so that now very few of the works of the Board can be obtained in Charleston, or, as we suppose, in any place within our bounds. It is known to some of us that frequent applications are made for the books from individuals and

churches, both in the city and the interior of the State, which, as matters now stand, cannot be supplied.

2. The Board has adopted it as a rule, from which they in no case deviate, to furnish their publications only to actual purchasers, except perhaps to colporteurs commissioned by themselves. This rule, which, we doubt not, is wise, and in fact necessary to the success of the Board in their ultimate views, requires that the books to be procured for the Depository should be bought for cash, or upon the credit of some person or persons who shall become individually responsible for the amount involved.

3. Several plans for establishing and conducting a Depository have been suggested in the Committee, and considered with some care. We mention them, with such advantages and objections as have presented themselves to our mind.

One is, to raise a sufficient sum of money to purchase a stock of books adequate to the wants of the Synod, to be placed for sale in the charge of a competent agent, who should devote his time chiefly or exclusively to the business. This would give distinctness to the operation, and would perhaps secure from it all the practical advantages that can be expected in any case. It would, however, require a considerable sum for the original purchase of a stock, and involve heavy expenses in the items of salary to the agent, rent, insurance, taxes, and the various contingents of such establishment. There is no probability that the sales would be large enough to defray these expenses, hence the capital must soon be invaded or the deficiency be supplied by frequent special contributions from the Synod. We have not, therefore, thought that we could recommend this scheme as a judicious or eligible one.

Another plan is to connect the Depository with a general assortment of religious and miscellaneous books of a proper character, so as to establish a complete book store. On many accounts this arrangement might be convenient and agreeable to our people, and it might contribute in some degree to the welfare of our churches and the country, by aiding in the dissemination of a good, substantial and pure literature. The scheme, on the other hand, would require a capital of from five to ten thousand dollars at the beginning, and an agent for its management of considerable knowledge of business in general, and especially of the book business. Unless an agent could be obtained who would be willing to invest, from his own means, one-half or more of the requisite amount, it could scarcely be

expected that this enterprise would result otherwise than as enterprises usually do where the immediate manager has not a personal and pecuniary interest in their success. We have not succeeded in finding a suitable person to furnish such portion of the capital, and take the charge of the business. It is proper, however, to say, that we have made the less exertion to find such a person, inasmuch as we have doubted whether the Synod would regard itself, in its ecclesiastical capacity, as at liberty to engage, as this scheme implies, in a general book and stationery trade.

A third plan which received our attention, is to endeavour to induce some respectable bookseller, already established in business, to keep on hand a supply of the publications of the Board, to be purchased and sold on his own account. On conference with some of the booksellers in the city, with whom we have supposed such an arrangement might be effected, if with any, we have found them unwilling to agree to keep on hand a full, or any very extensive, supply of the books. The discount allowed to the trade is not as large as that usually obtained from publishers. A portion of the issues of the Board, though excellent, are not sufficiently popular in their character to be saleable except to a very limited class of purchasers; the smaller works, such as catechisms, question books, tracts, which are essential to the ends of an establishment such as we desire, occasion much trouble to the seller and yield scarcely any profit. So that we see little prospect of making a satisfactory arrangement with any of our booksellers in the way here stated.

There remains but one other plan, as we have been able to perceive, which is likely to meet the views of the Synod, and that is for the Synod to raise a sum, say one thousand dollars, to be expended in the purchase of the books under the direction of persons appointed by the Synod for the purpose; the said books to be placed with some suitable bookseller to be sold by him, he paying all incidental expenses and being responsible for the principal of the sum, either in cash or in unsold books, and receiving as compensation for his services the profits of the sales he shall make. It is believed by your Committee that an arrangement may be made by which, in this way, a supply of books shall be always kept on hand without any loss on the original amount invested, except that which may arise from the depreciation in the value of the unsold books. It is unnecessary for us to detain you with any further exposition of this plan, as its details, should it meet with your concurrence, could only

be properly adjusted by those with whom you might entrust its execution.

In relation to the foregoing Report, the following resolutions were submitted, which, with the general subject, were also laid on the table:

1. *Resolved*, That this Synod, being impressed with the importance of establishing in the City of Charleston a Depository, from which our Churches and people may be supplied at the regular prices with the books of the Presbyterian Board of Publication, do hereby appoint the following persons, viz:

, a Committee to make arrangements for the establishment of such Depository, and to superintend the whole matter, under the instructions and restrictions mentioned in the resolutions which follow.

2. *Resolved*, That our Ministers and Sessions be earnestly requested, between this and the first of January next, to make collections in their churches respectively, for the purpose of raising money for the establishment of a Depository, and forward the same, so collected, to in the City of Charleston.

3. *Resolved*, That the Committee above appointed shall use for the purpose so much of the money as shall be necessary to procure and keep on hand a supply of the books of the Board adequate to the wants of our people, and the remainder of the money, if any, be remitted to the Board of Publication in Philadelphia, to be expended by them in the support of Colportage within the limits of this Synod, or in the State of Florida.

4. *Resolved*, That the Committee are hereby instructed to enter into no engagement which shall at the present time, or in the future, impose any debts on this body or on the Depository.

5. *Resolved*, That the Committee make to the Synod an annual report of the proceedings and of the condition of the Depository.

The Committee, to whom was referred the Report of the Executive Committee of Foreign Missions, submitted the following report, which was adopted:

The Committee, to whom was referred the Report of the Committee on Foreign Missions, report that they have carefully considered it, and find the Treasurer's Report kept with great neatness and accuracy, and properly vouched. It discloses, however, a very imperfect system of contributions, and an amount contributed greatly in disproportion to the dignity and importance of the work. Nearly half

of our churches have contributed nothing at all, and those which have, with few exceptions, have done so in very small amounts. It is therefore apparent, that more system and regularity is indispensable in taking up contributions, and that the greatness of the work, and its pressing necessities, should be urged upon our people.

We, therefore, recommend the following resolutions:

1st. *Resolved*, That this Synod cherish the work of Foreign Missions as of the first importance, and commend it to a larger share in the prayers and contributions of our people.

2d. *Resolved*, That this Synod are much gratified with the visit of Rev. J. Leighton Wilson, Secretary of the Board of Foreign Missions, among them, and have heard with much pleasure his able and interesting address.

3d. *Resolved*, That this Synod highly approves the course of the Board of Foreign Missions in enlarging their operations and multiplying their Missions, and will cordially co-operate in sustaining the increased expenditure.

4th. *Resolved*, That this Synod recommend to all the Presbyteries under its care, to use all due diligence to have this subject brought before every church within their bounds, large or small, with or without a preacher, and as far as possible every member of the church, and that a collection be taken up in them all for the object.

5th. *Resolved*, That this Synod has heard with pleasure of the liberal contributions of Sabbath School scholars and coloured persons, and would commend such contributions to the favour of all our people.

6th. *Resolved*, That this Synod have heard with much pleasure the able and eloquent Address of Rev. T. Smyth, D. D., and would recommend its publication and circulation through our bounds, and that the Board of Publication be requested to publish it among their Tracts.

7th. *Resolved*, That the thanks of the Synod are due James Adger, Esq., Treasurer, for the care and diligence used in keeping the accounts of the Board.

The Executive Committee of Foreign Missions, for the next year, was appointed as follows: T. Smyth, D. D., J. L. Girardeau, W. C. Dana, Ministers; A. F. Browning, J. S. Bowie, Elders. Messrs. W. C. Dukes and J. M. Caldwell were re-appointed the Auditing Committee.

Rev. J. L. Girardeau, as Principal, with Rev. D. Wills, as altern-

ate, were appointed to preach the Annual Discourse on Foreign Missions at the next meeting.

The Special Committee, to whom was referred the Report of the Synodical Committee of Education, presented their report, suggesting certain amendments, together with the following resolution:

Resolved, That we recommend that the Stated Clerks of the Presbyteries be required by the Synod to report to the Synodical Committee what is contributed in their bounds to this object, which does not pass through the hands of this Committee.

The foregoing resolution was adopted, and the Annual Report of the Synodical Committee, as amended, was ordered to be published in the Appendix to the Minutes.

On motion, the same Standing Committee of Education was reappointed.

The Report of the Committee, to whom was referred the Overture from the Associate Reformed Synod of the South touching a proposed union between the two bodies, was taken up from the docket, which was adopted unanimously, and is as follows:

The Special Committee, to whom was referred the Resolutions of the Associate Reformed Synod of the South, would report:

That we have examined the resolutions, and conferred with the delegates by whose hands they were sent to this body, and after carefully considering the subject, are unanimously of the opinion that the resolutions should be cordially entertained by the Synod.

It is not, however, expected by the Associate Reformed Synod, as we learn from their delegates, that this Synod should enter into any definitive measures in relation to the subject of the resolutions, or the union to which it is hoped they may lead. What they desire is, that this Synod should act as a medium to put their Synod, which is the head of their organization, in communication with the General Assembly, which is the head of ours; so that whatever measures may be adopted may have a uniform effect throughout the whole of the two denominations. We, therefore, recommend to the Synod the adoption of the following resolutions:

1. *Resolved*, That this Synod do respectfully and earnestly request the next General Assembly of our Church to appoint a Committee to confer and co-operate with any Committee appointed by the Associate Reformed Synod of the South in the endeavour to prepare, or cause to be prepared, either by a compilation from existing versions, or by translations from the original tongue, such a version of the Book

of Psalms as shall be acceptable to both branches of the Church; it being understood, nevertheless, that this measure, if accomplished to the full extent herein contemplated, shall not be construed as committing either party to formal organized union with the other, or as restricting either of them to the exclusive use of the version so provided.

2. *Resolved*, That a Committee be now appointed to prepare and transmit to the Assembly a memorial setting forth the desirableness of cementing the bonds which already unite us as members of the Presbyterian family, with our brethren of the A. R. Synod of the South, and the difficulties in the way of a full and permanent union between the two bodies: and further, that the Commissioners from the several Presbyteries composing this Synod are requested to use all proper exertions to secure from the Assembly that attention to this whole subject which its importance demands.

3. *Resolved*, That the General Assembly be also requested, as a token of Christian esteem and confidence, and as a measure that may contribute to the union so much desired between churches which are agreed in their views of doctrines and of ecclesiastical polity, to invite the Associate Reformed Synod of the South to a correspondence with the Assembly similar to that now held by the Assembly with the Dutch Reformed Church, or other evangelical churches.

4. *Resolved*, That we heartily cherish the Book of Psalms as a portion of God's word and an invaluable manual of devotion; and to remove all misconceptions, we now declare that we entirely approve and strongly commend the use of the Psalms in the public praise of the Sanctuary, as well as on other occasions: only, we do not feel willing that a rule should be prescribed, by which we should be required to confine ourselves to the use of the Psalms, either in a literal or other version.

5. *Resolved*, That it is desirable to continue the correspondence between this Synod and the A. R. Synod of the South, as requested by their delegates; and that a Committee be appointed to attend their next sessions, or failing to do so, to address to them a letter conveying to them the assurance of our fraternal regards and our desire to co-operate with them in all that may advance the kingdom of a common Head and Redeemer.

6. *Resolved*, That inasmuch as this Synod have heretofore fully and explicitly proposed terms of union and communion with our

brethren of the A. R. Church of the South, and inasmuch as we have now adopted the only measure proposed by them as tending to this result, the Committee from this Synod, mentioned in the preceding resolution, are hereby instructed to request of the A. R. Synod, or any Committee appointed thereby, to state to us, plainly and distinctly, whether there exist any obstacles to such union and communion, beside those arising from the subject of Psalmody, the removal of which they regard as indispensable on our part, and, if so, what those obstacles are.

7. *Resolved*, That the communication from the A. R. Synod be inserted upon our records, and that a copy of the foregoing resolutions be transmitted to the said Synod.

The Action of the Associate Reformed Synod of the South on the subject of Union.

Cedar Spring, Oct. 8, 1855.

"On motion of Mr. Gordon, the following resolutions were adopted:

"Whereas, overtures for union have been made to us by the Synod of South Carolina; and, whereas, the chief barrier in the way of union is found in the question of Psalmody:

"*Resolved*, That we invite our brethren to unite with us in preparing a version of the Psalms that will be acceptable to both bodies.

"*Resolved*, That our Committee on Psalmody be directed to confer with the delegates from the Synod of South Carolina, and to attend her next meeting for the purpose of making known to our brethren our dispositions and purposes in this matter, and of presenting to them this practical measure for their consideration."—*Extracts from the Minutes.*

Under the fifth resolution, the same Committee of Correspondence was re-appointed.

Under the second resolution, the Committee appointed to prepare a memorial to the Assembly, consisted of G. Howe, D. D., W. Banks and Chan. Job Johnston.

The Committee on the Narrative presented the following, which was adopted:

Although there has been within our bounds, during the past year, no wide-spread religious awakening, the condition of the churches presents many very encouraging indications.

The Report of the Presbytery of South Carolina is especially cheer-

ing. Many of their churches have been signally refreshed by the influence of the Holy Spirit, rendering effectual the clear exhibition of Divine truth; numerous accessions have been made to the churches, two new churches have been organized, four young men have been received as candidates for the Holy Ministry, and at their recent sessions a larger number of Ministers and Ruling Elders were in attendance than at any previous meeting of the Presbytery.

The Presbytery of Bethel have suffered a sad reverse since last year, when they were able to report "*all* their churches as supplied." In the Providence of God, death and resignation of the Pastoral charge have so thinned their ranks that there is at the present moment an unusual number of vacant pulpits. The diminution of these Divinely appointed agencies for the diffusion of Divine truth has been connected with a decline of spiritual prosperity in their churches; which are not left, however, without tokens of encouragement.

The Narrative of the state of religion in Harmony Presbytery notices the interest and serious attention manifested in their churches generally, and a good number of accessions to the membership. It also mentions the interesting fact that "the majority of the Pastors devote half of each Sabbath to the instruction of the coloured people, and that generally their labours among them are attended with cheering results;" and there is evidence that throughout the churches connected with us there is an encouraging and increased attention to the spiritual wants of this class of our population.

The Charleston Presbytery reports "pleasing evidences of vitality and healthful increase" in its churches generally, and special tokens of Divine favour in one of its more feeble churches.

In the review of these reports we find ample reason for encouragement. At the same time we cannot but feel how strong is the obligation, and how urgent the necessity that more earnest efforts be put forth, and more prayers offered up to God, in order that the Divine power of the Gospel may be more fully developed among us than it has been in the months that have gone by.

As respects the benevolent efforts of our people, there is, we think, a growing spirit of consecration to the service of Christ, and our church contributions are becoming not only greater, but more systematic. It is to be hoped that each succeeding year will witness a marked advance in this indispensable development of Christianity.

We give heartfelt thanks to God that there exists *no dividing*

question among the Ministers and churches of this Synod. There is nothing to distract our counsels, nothing to impede our efforts for the accomplishment of the great object for which this organization exists, the advancement of the kingdom of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. All are "of one accord, of one mind." It is not enough for us, however, to enjoy the happy consciousness of this unity of spirit: it should be made tributary to *great results.* Let us go forth to our respective spheres of influence, with the pleasant memories of this "holy convocation" stimulating us to a zeal and energy, which, with the blessings of God, shall leave its deep traces in our religious history in the months that are to come. In the great work of preaching the Gospel, and in every department of Christian effort, let each Minister, Elder, and member of the church, consider himself, not as standing alone, but as one of many, co-operating to one great object, the noblest which can inspire human ambition, and held together by a strong and sacred bond of union. "One is our Master, even Christ; and all we are brethren."

Most intimately connected with all prospective advancement in our spiritual interests, and in the extension of our influence by Missions, Foreign and Domestic, is the welfare of that cherished institution, the Theological Seminary at Columbia. Its hold upon the affections of the churches has been signally evinced by the generous contributions of the past year. From small beginnings, through many vicissitudes, it has year after year held on its course, quietly but efficiently proving itself indispensable to our growth and vitality. Its very existence is a perpetual call and invitation to the young men of our churches to consecrate themselves to the Holy Ministry; and we have but to look around us to see, in this and the adjacent Synods, the monuments of its efficiency. They who, with distinguished ability and faithfulness, have borne the burden and heat of the day, are now to be most ably reinforced; thus, after the lapse of nearly a quarter of a century, the institution renews its youth, and commences, with every good omen, a new career of wide-extended usefulness. May it be a perennial fountain, whose streams shall make glad the city of our Lord.

"Hitherto hath the Lord helped us." What remains, then, but that, with thankfulness for the past, and with deep humility in view of our deficiences and sinfulness, we should give ourselves anew to the great work for which we live; earnestly imploring that influence from on high, which shall purify our motives, stimulate our zeal, and make us, in our several spheres, efficient agents in the diffusion of

Heaven's most precious gift, the Gospel of Christ, which is "the power of God unto salvation to every one that believeth."

Synod then took recess till 3½ o'clock.

3½ o'clock, P. M.

Synod met after recess.

On motion, it was

Resolved, That a complete list of the Ruling Elders, furnished by the Stated Clerks of the different Presbyteries, be published in the Appendix to the Minutes.

The Overture referred at the last meeting of Synod to this, and to be found on page 24 of the printed Minutes for 1854, "on the propriety of taking measures, as a Synod, for the more complete supply of the destitutions within its bounds," was taken up from the docket, and committed to a Special Committee, consisting of J. L. Kirkpatrick, D. D., T. A. Hoyt, P. E. Bishop and J. C. Coit, with instructions to report at the next meeting of Synod.

The Committee appointed at the last meeting to report a Supplement to the Book of Psalms and Hymns to this meeting of Synod, submitted the following report, which was adopted:

The Committee on Psalmody were appointed last year under the following resolutions, viz:

"The following preamble and resolution were submitted to the consideration of Synod, and were adopted:

Whereas, this Synod presented an Overture to the Synod of the Associate Reformed Church of the South, on the subject of Christian co-operation or union with that body,—whereas, in pursuance of this most desirable object, a Committee was appointed by this Synod to meet that body,—whereas, that Committee were most cordially received by the Associate Synod of the South, who appointed Committee to represent their views in this body,—and whereas, as a basis for such co-operation or union, some compromise on the subject of Psalmody is necessary,—and whereas our General Assembly laid on the table without consideration the unanimously expressed wish of this Synod to have a supplement to our book of Psalmody prepared, including the whole or a number of the Psalms, as rendered in the Scottish version, the Psalms in the prose authorized translation adapted to chanting, and any hymns or versions of Scriptural se-

lections which may be desired by a portion of our Church,—be it therefore

Resolved, That this Synod do now appoint a Committee, to report such a Supplement to the next Synod, with a view to its authorized publication, for the use of the Churches within our bounds, and of any other Churches who may desire to do so.

The following persons were appointed a Committee under the above Resolution, to wit: Thos. Smyth, D. D., B. M. Palmer, D. D., J. L. Kirkpatrick, D. D., F. Jacobs, and Edwin Cater, Ministers."

The object of the Committee was therefore twofold: first, to provide for a necessity felt by ourselves in supplementing the present Book of Psalmody; and secondly, to provide for the free inter-communion of those who use only the old and literal versions of the Psalms, and to meet the wants of those of our own Church from other lands, to whom that version is endeared by early and constant association.

Your Committee have devoted considerable attention to the subject entrusted to them.

1. They have procured copies of the version of the Psalms by Rouss, as amended by different bodies and individuals, and have, to some extent, published such portions of the version as they deemed suitable to present general use, and other versions, portions of the same, or different Psalms.

2. They have prepared a number of hymns bearing on the relation of parents and children—youthful piety and instruction—Christian activity, benevolence and consecration—and on Satanic influence. These are subjects either very largely, or entirely, overlooked in our present Book of Psalmody. A portion of these, bearing chiefly on the first topic, have also been published, for examination, in the Southern Presbyterian.

3. As it regards the cost of issuing such a Supplement, your Committee find that it can be printed and stereotyped in 12 mo. and 24 mo. series for 60 cents per page, and in 18 mo for 64 cents per page. This includes the whole of the permanent investment and expenditure, and this being provided for, any number of copies could be prepared from time to time, as they would be required. A book, therefore, of two hundred pages, would involve the original expense of no more than about $120, a sum which could easily be provided for, if a small per centage was added to the actual cost of the copies taken by the several congregations.

4, Your Committee would recommend that this matter be progressed with, and that the publication in the Southern Presbyterian of the proposed Psalms and Hymns until finished. They believe such a Supplement would add much to the efficiency, acceptance, and edification of our Psalmody. Its *necessity* is very generally felt and admitted. But as many difficulties lie in the way of its preparation by the General Assembly for a long time to come, it must be prepared and published by ourselves. This we can do. The benefits to be derived from it cannot but be great. And it may prepare the way for a revision of our Book of Psalmody, and for inter-communion or union with our brethren of the Associate Reformed and other Presbyterian communions.

The death of the Rev. W. B. Davies, being brought to the notice of Synod, through the Statistical Report of the Presbytery of Bethel, the following Minute was presented, adopted, and ordered to be entered upon the records :

The Committee appointed to bring in a Minute expressive of the feelings of Synod, on the death of the Rev. W. B. Davies, presented the following, which was adopted, viz :

Your Committee feel that you have assigned them a very solemn and painful duty. God, in his all-wise providence, has been pleased to remove, by death, one of our brethren from among us. It is truly sad to contemplate the widely extended breach made by the death of this our brother, or to attempt to estimate our loss, which we feel to be irreparable. We might speak of the loss sustained by the bereaved wife, when the guide of her youth and the partner of her life is laid in the grave ; of the loss of affectionate children, when a beloved father, guardian and friend is taken from them forever. We might speak of the grief of this Synod, when we reflect that one of the oldest members of the body, one whom we all loved, whom we have often met with, when we took sweet counsel together, and walked to the house of God in company, has been removed from time. But great as may be his loss to relatives and friends, and sad as may be his removal from them, it is still more sad to think of the removal of such a Minister from a world "lying in sin," and a Church needing his labours. We may well say that brother Davies was taken away in the midst of his usefulness. According to our best information, he had been in the sacred ministry about thirty years. In the early part of his ministerial life he had very feeble

health; and he had never fully recovered; but by care and the use of suitable means, his life was prolonged, and he was enabled to perform a very large amount of ministerial labour.

During the first four years of his ministry, as far as health would permit, he preached at Shiloh, not without some precious fruits of his labor; and also at Long Creek, N. C., where God was graciously pleased to pour out his Spirit, and give precious ingathering into the Church, and, as was fondly hoped, an in-gathering of souls to the fold of Christ.

In 1834, he served the Churches of Goshen and Lincolnton with great acceptance and usefulness. In 1835, he entered on the charge of Beersheba and Bullock's Creek Churches, where he continued till arrested by death.

We believe him to have been a truly pious man, unambitious and unaspiring; laboring from love of God, and love to the souls of men, to the extent of his ability, and *often beyond it.* He was a sound Theologian, an able and faithful Minister, preaching very frequently, wherever opportunity offered, the glorious Gospel of the blessed God. He possessed a warm and generous heart, a disposition eminently social; and, indeed, all those qualities necessary to make him a faithful and useful pastor; and he so performed those duties as to render him very successful in this department of labour, and greatly to endear him to his people. No finite mind can tell the amount of good he was instrumental in doing, or the number of souls saved from eternal death through his instrumentality. But we believe he was employed of God, to effect *much good,* particularly in the last years of his life. For several years past his Churches have reported unusual seriousness, and the gracious presence of the Spirit, and (especially Beersheba,) large and encouraging additions to the communion of the church. And now, when his mind was matured by age and study, and enriched by experience; when as Pastor he had twined around him the warm affections of his people, and acquired an influence over their minds which might be wielded for their eternal good; in a word, when he appeared in the estimation of man, to be prepared for eminent usefulness, God, who "seeth not as man seeth," and who cannot err, has called him away from his labours in the Church below, to his rest and glorious reward in the Church above.

In view of these things your Committee would recommend the adoption of the following resolutions, viz:

Resolved, That we regard the death of our lamented brother as a

a dispensation of an All-Wise and Gracious Providence, to which we should meekly, solemnly and reverently submit.

Resolved, We regard the death of brother Davies as a solemn admonition to us all "to work while it is called to-day, for the night cometh when no man can work."

Resolved, That we regard his removal, by death, as a great loss, not only to his family and churches, but also to the whole Church of which he was a Minister, and to the generation which, by the will of God, he served.

Resolved, That we hereby express our tender and affectionate sympathy with his bereaved family and charge.

On motion, it was

Resolved, That it be the standing rule of this body that its Minutes be prepared in the form of a journal.

The following resolution was adopted:

Resolved, That this Synod return their hearty thanks to the congregation of the Presbyterian Church and the citizens of Camden generally, for their kindness and hospitality, and also to all the Rail-road Companies which kindly reduced their fare in our behalf; and that the Pastor communicate the same to his congregation, and that it be published in the Camden Journal.

It was moved, that when Synod shall adjourn, it adjourn to meet in the Presbyterian Church at Chester, on Wednesday before the second Sabbath in November, 1856, at 7 o'clock, P. M.

Synod then adjourned with singing and prayer, to meet at Chester, according to the above resolution.

G. C. GREGG, *Moderator.*

B. M. PALMER, } *Clerks.*
E. P. PALMER, }

APPENDIX.

THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY OF THE SYNOD OF SOUTH-CAROLINA AND GEORGIA.

OFFICERS OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS.

J. H. THORNWELL, D. D., *President.*
Rev. S. DONNELLY, *Vice-President.*
B. M. PALMER, D. D., *Secretary.*
ANDREW CRAWFORD, *Treasurer.*

DIRECTORS FOR THREE YEARS.

Ministers.	*Laymen.*
T. Smyth, D. D.	Prof. R. T. Brumby,
John Douglas,	Andrew Crawford,
J. B. Adger, D. D.	J. K. Douglass,
T. L. McBride,	Hon. E. A. Nisbet,
Alonzo Church, D. D.	J. J. Gresham,
N. A. Pratt, D. D.	Barrington King.
R. K. Porter,	
I. S. K. Axson.	

DIRECTORS FOR TWO YEARS.

P. E. Bishop,	J. A. Crawford,
D. McQueen,	W. C. Dukes,
J. Forrest, D. D.	H. M. Bruns,
Edw. Palmer,	E. L. Newton,
S. K. Talmage, D. D.	W. L. Mitchell,
F. Bowman, D. D.	G. E. Thomas.
J. C. Patterson,	
D. J. Auld.	

DIRECTORS FOR ONE YEAR.

Ministers.	*Laymen.*
S. Donnelly,	Hon. J. N. Whitner,
E. T. Buist,	E. R. Calhoun,
W. M. Reid,	Hon. T. C. Perrin,
S. H. Hay,	Hon. J. H. Lumpkin,
N. Hoyt, D. D.	D. C. Campbell,
J. S. Wilson, D. D.	W. Shear.
J. W. Reid,	
J. F. Lanneau.	

FACULTY.

George Howe, D. D., Professor of Biblical Literature.

A. W. Leland, D. D., Professor of Pastoral Theology and Sacred Rhetoric.

J. H. Thornwell, D. D., Professor of Didactic and Polemic Theology.

B. M. Palmer, D. D., Professor of Ecclesiastical History and Church Polity.

MINUTES

Of the Meeting of the Board of Directors of the Theological Seminary of the Synod of South Carolina and Georgia, held at Columbia, S. C., June 26—28, 1855.

Library Room, Theological Seminary,
Tuesday, June 26, 1855, 8 o'clock, P. M.

The Board of Directors of the Theological Seminary of the Synod of South Carolina and Georgia, met, according to adjournment, in the Library of the Seminary, at 8 o'clock, P. M., the President, Dr. Thornwell, being in the Chair. Opened with prayer by the President.

Upon calling the roll, the following members were found to be present:

Ministers.	*Laymen.*
J. H. Thornwell, D. D. President,	Hon. J. N. Whitner,
D. McQueen,	Col. T. C. Perrin,
P. E. Bishop,	Andrew Crawford.
S. H. Hay,	
B. M. Palmer, D. D.	

A letter was received and read from the Rev. Edward Palmer, assigning reasons for his absence from the Board.

Rev. Messrs. G. C. Gregg and M. D. Fraser, of the Presbytery of Harmony, being present, were invited to sit in consultation with the Board.

The following Committees were announced by the Chair:

Audits.—S. H. Hay and J. N. Whitner.

Ways and Means.—T. C. Perrin, J. A. Crawford, and D. McQueen.

Library.
Laws and Regulations. } P. E. Bishop, A. Crawford, and J. N. Whitner.

Buildings.—R. T. Brumby, Andrew Crawford.

The Treasurer's Report, and the Reports of the Investing Committees for the States of South Carolina and Georgia, and the Accounts of the Librarian, were severally submitted and referred to the Committee of Audits.

The Minutes of the Executive Committee were also presented and read: the only item, calling for the attention of the Board, to wit, the reference of Mr. Hopping's note, with all the papers touching the same, was referred to the Committee of Ways and Means.

Mr. Perrin made a verbal report concerning the renewal of the charter of the Seminary, which he had been desired to obtain from the Legislature of South Carolina: that such a charter had been granted by that body, allowing the Seminary to hold funds to a larger amount than was permitted under the charter originally given; and that it might be found among the recorded Acts of the Legislature at its last sessions.

The Board adjourned, with prayer by Rev D. McQueen, the business being in the hands of the Committees, to meet to-morrow morning, at 9 o'clock, in the Chapel.

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 27, 1855, 9 o'clock, A. M.

A quorum not being present, the Board was not constituted. Such of the members as were present attended upon the examination of the students, conducted by the Faculty.

At half-past 10 o'clock, the Board retired to Dr. Howe's recitation, and was opened with prayer by the President. Present as before, with the addition of Prof. R. T. Brumby.

The Report of the Faculty was presented and read, and referred to the Committee on Laws and Regulations.

The Report of the Standing Building Committee was also presented, and referred to the Committee on Buildings.

The Auditing Committee reported upon the several accounts submitted, that they were correctly vouched, and that a balance was found in the Treasurer's hands of fifteen hundred and eight dollars and ninety-six cents. This Report was adopted, and the papers transferred to the Committee of Ways and Means.

The Board then took recess, to meet at the call of the President.

WEDNESDAY AFTERNOON, 4 o'CLOCK, June 27, 1855.

At the call of the Chair, the Board met in Dr. Howe's Recitation Room. Present as heretofore.

The Committee of Ways and Means, presented a report on the letter of Mrs. Hopping, which was adopted, and is as follows:

"The Committee of Ways and Means, to which was referred the communication of Mrs. Hopping, beg leave to report that they have examined the same. It appears that Mr. Hopping, in his lifetime, being in prosperous condition, gave his note to the Seminary for five hundred dollars, leaving the note unpaid at the time of his death. After his death, it was found that his estate was much embarrassed, being largely in debt, and the application on the part of the widow and executrix is that the debt may be remitted, and the estate discharged from the payment altogether.

"The Committee think that it would not be right to remit the debt. Such an act on the part of the Board might be used in other cases and become a dangerous precedent. Besides, it may yet become entirely within the power of the Executrix to pay the debt with

ease. It is, however, perfectly in accordance with the principles that we profess, to abstain from a resort to coercive measures to enforce payment. And lest we should do violence in practice to the principles we profess, the Committee recommend that the Board forbear to use measures to enforce collection, and just leave the matter where it now is, to be paid or not, as the Executrix feels its obligation upon her."

The same Committee reported upon the Finances of the Seminary, which report was accepted, and deferred for further consideration.

The Committee on the Library presented the following Report, which was adopted:

"The Library appears to be well kept, and suffers as little from usage as could reasonably be expected. Some, however, may need new binding; and if, in the judgment of the Librarian, any of the books are liable to suffer seriously without it, we recommend that he be authorized to have them re-bound. The Library has received forty-three volumes by donation from private individuals, during the past year, and now numbers 5,353 volumes.

We heartily concur with the Librarian in the hope that the present effort for the endowment of the Seminary may not be arrested, till provision is made for a great increase in the Library, and for a more ample, convenient, and secure place of deposite for our books. An account of twenty-four dollars against the Library has been presented, which appears to be just. We, therefore, recommend that the Treasurer be authorized to pay it.

"Different plans for the increase of the Library have been submitted to us; but the Committee deem it premature to recommend any plan until the effort now making for the full endowment of the Seminary shall have been completed."

A letter was received from Rev. B. E. Lanneau, declining a reappointment as Tutor in Hebrew on the ground of failing health. Rev. Messrs. D. McQueen and B. M. Palmer were appointed a Committee to bring in a suitable Minute touching the same.

The Committee on Buildings offered the following Report, which was adopted: They recommend,

First.—The sum of $445 11, for repairs, etc. etc., appears to have been judiciously expended, and we recommend that this part of the Report of the Standing Building Committee be approved.

Second.—With regard to that part of the Report of the Standing Building Committee, which relates to certain alterations in the in-

terior of the Central Building, for temporary purposes, so as to fit the rooms in the upper story for use as a Library and Reading Room, and to convert the present Chapel and Library into one room for a Chapel, we recommend the whole subject, including also the suggested change of the stable into a Refectory, be referred to said Committee, with authority and instructions to do, in the premises, what they think most likely to promote the interests of the Seminary.

Third.—It appears that on the 28th day of last April, a Special Committee, consisting of John A. Crawford, R. T. Brumby, and C. R. Bryce, acting in behalf of and under the authority of this Board of Directors, through its Executive Committee, contracted with Waring and Johnson for said Wing or Hall, for the erection to completion, by the first of next October, of an additional Wing or Hall, west of the Central Building, and similar in all respects to Simon's Hall: and that said Committee agreed to pay said Waring and Johnson for said Wing or Hall, when completed and approved, the sum of eight thousand two hundred dollars, in three instalments, viz: two thousand dollars ($2,000) when the parties signed the contract; two thousand dollars ($2,000) when the building shall be completely covered with tin; and four thousand and two hundred dollars ($4,200) on the first day of next January. Your Committee have examined all the papers relative to said contract; they have also ascertained that the bond of the contractors is well secured by responsible sureties; that the first instalment has been paid; that funds are ready for the payment of the second, in a few weeks; and that the third can easily be paid from dividends that will accrue before the 1st of January. We recommend, therefore, that the contract of said Committee be approved."

The Board took recess, to meet at 8 o'clock, P. M., in the Library.

Library Theological Seminary,
Wednesday, June 27, 1855, 8 o'clock, P. M.

The Board met at 8 o'clock, P. M., in the Library. Present as heretofore.

A letter was presented and read, from Messrs. James McDowell

and R. A. Reid, resigning their trusts as Investing Agents for the State of Georgia, whereupon it was

Resolved, That the Secretary be instructed to write to these gentlemen soliciting their continuance in the service of the Board; but that if they persist in presenting their resignation, that they be requested to aid by their counsel in the selection of persons to succeed them; and that the Executive Committee be empowered to appoint an Investing Committee to hold the Georgia Funds, in the event of a final decision by these gentlemen to resign their trust.

The Report of the Committee of Ways and Means was taken up from the docket, and with some amendments was adopted, and will be found in the Annual Report to be submitted to the Synods of South Carolina and Georgia.

The Committee appointed to bring in a Minute upon the resignation of Rev. B. E. Lanneau, presented the following, which was adopted:

"The Board of Directors, having received a letter from Rev. B. E. Lanneau, tendering his resignation of the Tutorship of Hebrew in consequence of impaired health, and the necessity thus imposed of seeking a milder climate, would express their feelings in the following resolution:

"*Resolved*, That we have heard with unfeigned sorrow of the impaired health of Mr. Lanneau, who has for three year's past rendered most faithful and valuable services as Tutor of Hebrew in this Seminary: and we tender him our thanks for these services, our sympathies for his feeble health, and offer our prayers to God for his recovery and continued usefulness.

After some conversation upon the importance and propriety of the measure, a Committee was appointed, consisting of Messrs. J. A. Crawford, A. Crawford, and R. T. Brumby, to invest a portion of the fund created for the Fourth Professorship in the purchase of a residence for the incumbent of said Chair; such investment not to exceed the sum of eight thousand dollars.

The Committee on Laws and Regulations offered their Report, which was accepted and placed on the docket.

Some conversation being had upon the appointment of a Hebrew Tutor, in place of Mr. Lanneau, the whole subject was, on motion, remitted to the direction of the Executive Committee.

The Board then adjourned, to meet to-morrow morning, at 9 o'clock, in Dr. Howe's Recitation Room: closed with prayer by Rev. S. H. Hay.

THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY, JUNE 28, 1855,
Thursday, 9 o'clock, A. M.

The Board met according to adjournment, in Dr. Howe's Recitation Room, and was opened with prayer by the President. The Minutes of yesterday's proceedings were read and approved.

The Report of the Committee on Laws and Regulations was taken up and adopted, and is as follows:

"The Committee, to whom was referred the Report of the Faculty, submit the following: We find nothing in this Report requiring special attention. We observe with great pleasure, that according to the statements of this Report, that there has been a very encouraging number of Students in the Seminary during the session now closing; a larger number indeed than at any former period excepting last year; that the habits of the young men have been studious; their deportment good; the tone of their piety healthful. The usual course of instruction has been given by the Faculty: also the new buildings are progressing well; so that there is reason to believe that comfortable rooms will be provided for near sixty students by the commencement of the next session. For these things we certainly owe devout gratitude to God. The Faculty, however, complain of too frequent absences from the Seminary, and wish the Board to devise a remedy. The Committee believe that no special action on the part of the Board is required; but that laws already exist, which, if carried out, ought certainly to accomplish the object desired by the Faculty. The Committee would, however, suggest the importance of shortening the session, which now extends through nine consecutive months."

Upon the last suggestion of the above report a Committee was appointed, consisting of Messrs. B. M. Palmer, P. E. Bishop, J. B. Adger, and R. T. Brumby; to which, on motion, the President, Dr. Thornwell, was added, to prepare and submit to the Board, at its next meeting, a full report upon all matters which occur to them as likely to promote the efficiency of the Seminary as a school of Theological learning.

The importance of pressing forward the endowment of the Fourth Professorship during this Summer and Autumn, being felt by the Board, the following persons were appointed to visit the Churches within the Presbyteries of South Carolina, Bethel, and Harmony, viz: J. B. Adger, T. L. McBride, P. E. Bishop, B. M. Palmer, G. C. Gregg,

and D. McQueen: who should distribute the work between themselves by private arrangement.

Rev. G. C. Gregg was appointed to preach the next Annual Sermon before the Board and Students, and Rev. J. M. H. Adams was appointed his alternate.

The election of officers for the ensuing year, resulted as follows:

J. H. Thornwell, D. D., President.
Rev. Samuel Donnelly, Vice President.
B. M. Palmer, D. D., Secretary.
Andrew Crawford, Treasurer.

Executive Committee.—B. M. Palmer, D. D., J. H. Thornwell, D. D., J. A. Crawford, Andrew Crawford, Charles Beck, Professor R. T. Brumby, Col. C. R. Bryce.

Investing Committee for State of Georgia.—James McDowell, Robt. A. Reid.

Investing Committee for State of South Carolina.—J. A. Crawford, Andrew Crawford.

Standing Building Committee.—Geo. Howe, D. D., A. W. Leland, D. D., J. A. Crawford, Charles Beck, C. R. Bryce, John S. Scott.

The Board took recess, to meet to-night at 8 o'clock, in the Presbyterian Church, to hear the Annual Discourse.

Thursday, June 28, 1855, }
8 o'clock, P. M. }

The Board met in the Presbyterian Church and listened to a Discourse by the Rev. J. B. Adger, D. D.; both the principal and alternate appointed last year, having failed to appear.

There being no further business, the Board, on motion, adjourned, after prayer by Rev. P. E. Bishop, to meet in the Library of the Theological Seminary on the last Tuesday in June, 1856, at 8 o'clock, P. M.

J. H. Thornwell, *President.*

B. M. Palmer, *Secretary.*

REPORT

Of the Board of Directors of the Theological Seminary, to the Synods of South Carolina and Georgia, June 28, 1855.

I. RECEIPTS AND DISBURSEMENTS PER TREASURER'S ACCOUNT.

Interest and Dividends on old Investments in Georgia,...		$2,705 88
Interest and Dividends on old Investments in S. Carolina,		2,120 00
Interest and Dividends on Investments of new Fund,...		3,557 53
Notes and Subscriptions on Third Professorship.....		1,370 00
Old Note of Rev. U. Powers,.....		50 00
From Executors of Mrs. Ellison's Estate, for Jos. Ellison Scholarship,.....		2,500 00
Mrs. Law's Second Instalment on her Donation,.....		1,000 00
Education Account, balance due on Stocks for Telfair Timothy Scholarship,.....		305 69
Total Receipts,.....		$13,612 10

Disbursed as follows:

Balance due Treasurer, as per last Annual Account,.....	$36 53	
Dr. B. M. Palmer's salary for last year,...	1,000 00	
Dr. A. W. Leland's salary to July 1, 1855,	1,999 50	
Dr. Geo. Howe's salary to July 1, 1855,..	2,000 00	
Rev. B. E. Lanneau's salary to Jan. 1, 1855,	300 00	
Paid for 93 Shares Commercial Bank Stock for the Jos. Ellison Scholarship,.....	2,495 50	
Paid for 3 Bonds of Greenville and Columbia Railroad Stock,.....	1,237 50	
Paid Johnson and Waring on account of building Law Hall,.....	2,000 00	
Paid Dr. Howe, Chairman of Standing Building Committee,.....	90 44	
Paid Insurance on Buildings and Library,.	189 74	
Paid Bills for Tables and for Printing,....	21 00	
Paid Chas. Beck for building and repairing,	445 11	
Paid Education Account for balance on Stock transferred to S. C. Professorship,....	110 82	

Paid Interest of Nephew Scolarship, transferred to Education Account,	175 00	
Paid Discount on Bank Bill and for Stationery,	2 00	
Balance on hand,	1,508 96	
Total Disbursements,		$13,612 10

II. INVESTMENT OF NEW FUND.

228 Shares Camden Bank Stock,	$11,575 54
297 Shares Commercial Bank Stock,	8,613 00
32 Shares Charleston Bank Stock, (new),	1,600 00
4 Bonds S. C. and Charlotte Railroad,	2,000 00
6 Bonds Greenville and Columbia Railroad,	2,707 50
Capt. Blair's Legacy, $\frac{1}{3}$ of 100 Shares of Planters' and Merchants' Bank, Baltimore,	833 33
Bonds and Notes of Individuals,	8,000 00
Total,	$35,329 37

Amount of Investment this year,	$35,329 37	
Amount of Investment last year,	34,091 87	
Increase of this year,	$1,237 50	

Outstanding Subscriptions and Notes.

In South Carolina last year,	$5,067 95	
Collected this year,	1,870 00	$3,697 95
In Georgia,		2,541 84
Total outstanding in both States,		$6,239 79

III. PERMANENT FUNDS EXCLUDING SCHOLARSHIPS.

Investments in Georgia,	$28,500 00	
Investments in South Carolina, (old fund),	27,450 66	
Investments in South Carolina, (new fund),	35,329 37	$91,280 03

IV. SCHOLARSHIPS.

1. Lanneau Scholarship,	$2,200 00
2. Congregational and Presbyterian Scholarship,	2,250 00
3. Nephew Scholarship, in Georgia,	2,500 00

4. Fabian Scholarship, in Georgia,.....	2,500 00	
5. Telfair Timothy Scholarship,.....	2,500 00	
6. Joseph Ellison Scholarship,.....	2,500 00	
7. Capt. Blair's Legacy, $\frac{1}{8}$ of 100 Shares of Planters' and Mechanics' Bank, Baltimore, ...	1,667 67	$16,116 67
Total Vested Funds,.....		$107,396 70

V. FUNDS FOR A FOURTH PROFESSORSHIP.

Notes in hands of Treasurer to amount of,.....	$28,617 31
Subscriptions in hands of Treasurer to amount of.....	800 00
Cash in hands of Treasurer to amount of.....	1,901 83
Cash temporarily Invested, (say),.....	3,218 96
Notes and Subscriptions in hands of different persons,..	2,560 00
Total collected in Notes, &c., about.....	$37,098 10

VI. CLAIMS ON THE TREASURY.

Salaries of three Professors,.....	$6,000 00	
Salary of fourth Professor,.....	2,500 00	
Salary of Hebrew Tutor,.....	600 00	
Insurance and Contingencies,.....	350 00	
Contract for New Building and Fixtures,..	6,400 00	
Arrears to Dr. Palmer,.....	2,000 00	$17,850 00

Resources to meet those Claims.

Balance in the Treasury,.....	$1,508 96	
Dividends and Interest on Georgia Professorship,.....	2,300 00	
Dividends and Interest on South Carolina Professorship,.....	2,000 00	
Dividends and Interest on 3d. Professorship,	2,500 00	
Dividends and Interest on 4th. Professorship,	3,000 00	
Mrs. Law's Donation next year,.....	1,000 00	$12,308 96

Balance to be provided for, towards which are $2,000 00, pledged by Mrs. Law for building the New Wing, which will be paid in Annual Instalments.

VII. THE LIBRARY.

Forty-three volumes only have been added to the Library during the past year; which, added to 5,310 volumes reported last year, make the present number of volumes 5,353.

The effort now making to raise the sum of $60,000, contemplates, it will be remembered, not only the endowment for a Fourth Chair, but also a large increase of the Library. As will be seen from the financial part of this Report, given above, this effort has been very successfully prosecuted; and there is every reason to believe that the entire amount proposed will be secured. It will soon, therefore, be a practical question for the Synods to determine how the Library shall be increased: whether a large amount, say $15,000 00, shall be at once expended in the purchase of a Library already collected; or in the purchase of volumes according to the wants of the institution, or whether it shall be funded, and the proceeds only to be used in the annual purchase of books.

VIII. THE BUILDINGS.

Since the last Report, a contract has been made for the erection of a large building of three stories, with eight rooms on a floor, exactly similar to Simon's Hall, recently built, and to be called Law Hall; and which will be ready for use on the 1st of October. The cost of this building exceeds, by a little, $8,000. Towards the payment of this sum, Mrs. Law has already contributed $2,000, and is pledged to give $3,000 more in Annual Instalments. A slight debt will, however, be created, which, it is hoped, may be gradually extinguished by applying whatever surplus may be in the Treasury from time to time. It was not felt necessary, therefore, to make extraordinary provision for it; but the Treasurer is instructed to meet the payments with any monies which may be in hand. The two Halls furnish forty-eight rooms for as many students, equal in comfort to any elsewhere to be found: besides which, accommodation can be made for several more in the Main or Central Building.

If the Library should be increased, provision must be made for the accommodation of the books, which have already more than filled the room now used as a Library.

IX. PROFESSORS' REPORT.

The whole number of students, in all the classes, has been 31.

Resident Licentiates.

J. C. Phelps,
Samuel Orr.

SENIOR CLASS.

Names.	*Graduate of*	*Candidate of*
James A. Cousar,	Oglethorpe University,	Harmony Presbytery.
James A. Davies,	Davidson College,	Bethel "
N. W. Edmunds,	S. Carolina College,	Charleston "
R. Q. Mallard,	Georgia University,	Georgia "
R. S. McAlister,		Chickasaw "
Robert McLees,		S. Carolina "
D. H. Porter,	S. Carolina College,	Charleston "
C. J. Silliman,	Oglethorpe University,	Tuskaloosa "
L. A. Simonton,	Oglethorpe "	Flint River "
Robt. W. Small,	Oglethorpe "	Charleston "
Arthur Small,	Oglethorpe "	Charleston "
C. H. Wilson,	Oglethorpe "	Harmony "

MIDDLE CLASS.

Robt. M. Brearley,	S. Carolina College,	Harmony "
Thos. J. Davidson,	Oglethorpe University,	
A. H. Epstein,	Polytech. Inst., Vienna,	Charleston "
J. S. Harris,	Davidson College,	Concord "
Elmore Kinder,	Oglethorpe University,	Harmony "
A. L. Kline,		Charleston "
James McDowell,	S. Carolina College,	Harmony "
James McQueen,	Davidson Colloge,	Fayetteville "
M. D. Wood,	Oglethorpe University,	Charleston "
W. D. Wilkes,	Erskine College,	S. Carolina "

JUNIOR CLASS.

Saml. J. Bingham,	Oglethorpe University,	Tuskaloosa "
D. C. Boggs,	Oglethorpe "	S. Carolina "
S. W. Davies,	H. Sydney College.	
J. E. Dunlap,	Un., Va.	
J. C. Humphreys,	Genessee "	
G. C. Lane,	Middlebury "	
S. C. Boyce,		
Jethro Rumple.		

As the new arrangements of Professorships, adopted by the Synods, could not be carried into effect during the past year, the same order of instruction and distribution of labours have been observed as in

former years. All the prescribed exercises of the Institution have been conducted as usual: and the Report of the Faculty speaks in general terms of approval respecting the diligence and behaviour of the students.

X. GENERAL REMARKS.

1. The Endowment of the Fourth Chair has been vigorously prosecuted during the past six months. By the voluntary labours of a few individuals, subscriptions and notes and money have been secured to the amount, as before stated, of some thirty-seven thousand dollars. The Board has also appointed brethren to visit the Churches within the Presbyteries of South Carolina, Bethel and Harmony, with the hope that a much nearer approximation may be made, before the meetings of the Synods, to the amount proposed to be secured, to wit: sixty thousand dollars.

2. It being necessary to secure a residence for the use of Dr. Thornwell and his family, the Board has authorized the purchase of a house, not exceeding the sum of eight thousand dollars, from the funds raised for the new endowment.

3. Greatly to the loss of the Seminary and to the sorrow of the Board, Mr. Lanneau has been compelled to resign his Tutorship of Hebrew, with a view to seek a milder climate. The Board not being satisfied that, with the present heavy drain upon the Treasury, the state of our finances would justify the appointment of a Tutor for the coming year, remitted this to the direction of the Executive Committee.

4. The following Directors go out of office, whose places must be filled by a new election:

Thomas Smyth, D. D.,	A. Church, D. D.,
B. M. Palmer, D. D.,	N. A. Pratt, D. D.,
J. B. Adger, D. D.,	R. Chamberlain,
J. H. Thornwell, D. D.,	J. S. K. Axson,
of the Synod of South Carolina.	of the Synod of Georgia.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

B. M. PALMER,
Secretary of the Board.

ANNUAL REPORT

To the Synod of South Carolina, by the Executive Committee for Foreign Missions, November, 1855.

The Committee on Foreign Missions would report, that the amount received by the Treasurer during the past year was, as will be seen by the Treasurer's Account, herewith presented, $4,259 11. To which is to be added the sum of , remitted directly to the Treasury in New York, making in all the sum of some $4,400.

As compared with the amount received last year, which was $5,181 78, this shows a reduction of more than seven hundred dollars. In reference to that the Report of last year remarks: "We would, with devout gratitude to God, record the fact that the contributions of our churches for the present year, exceed those of any previous year. We sincerely trust that the same spirit may continue to pervade them, and that still greater efforts to advance the kingdom of Christ throughout the world, may be made during the coming year." We regret that this hope has not been realized, but to so great an extent disappointed.

For this there is no reasonable excuse. Had we been giving according to the full ability of our Churches, circumstances might make an unavoidable difference. But if the reverse has been the case, then, whatever pressure Providence brings to bear upon his people ought to be regarded as a call to duty, a proof of our dependence upon God, of His ability to cut off and wither away the resources we already enjoy, and a warning that unless we more faithfully use them as stewards of His bounty, He will call us to account as unfaithful, and either withdraw our trust from us and give it unto others, or deprive us of His blessing in their enjoyment.

Now, that as Ministers and Churches, we were not doing all that we could and ought, for the advancement of Christ's kingdom, is admitted by all, and cannot be denied if we for a moment consider the facts in the case.

Our Ministers number	108
Our Churches "	136
Our Communicants number	9,649

Now, of these Churches, only about 73 out of 136 have contributed

anything, and the amount given by all would not give an average of more than about forty cents to each communicant.

In view of this continued and most painfully lamentable condition of things, your Committee have thought it would be timely to bring the subject before you, and through you before the Churches, in a more than usually full and earnest presentation of the character of Christians as Christ's representatives and agents for the conversion of the world, and of the essential connection between Christian activity, liberality and self-denying love to Christian character and happiness.

This, in accordance with your arrangements, will be separately brought forward in order to give place to the hearing of our beloved brother, Rev. J. L. Wilson, as one of the Secretaries of our Board.

N. B. This is printed and circulated in a separate pamphlet.

THE SOUTHERN BOARD OF FOREIGN MISSIONS,

In Account Current with James Adger, Treasurer,

For the following sums received by him:

1854.			Cr.
Nov. 16.	By cash, through Mr. John F. Matheson, from Bishopville Church, - -	$20 00	
	From Indiantown Church, - -	59 50	
	" " " servants,	5 05	$84 55
	Through Mr. W. F. Hutson, collections of Stoney Creek Church, - - - - - -		91 25
21.	Through Rev. J. B. Adger, from Beach Island Church, - - - -	16 00	
	Ebenezer Church, Bethel Presbytery,	53 30	
	Bethel " " "	41 00	
	Barnwell C. H. Church, - - -	30 85	141 15
Dec. 5.	Monthly collection, 2d Presbyterian Church Charleston, 3d December, - - - -		69 50
8.	From J. B. Bull, Treasurer, through Adams & Frost, Monthly collection at Willington Church,		20 00
12.	Through Rev. Wm. Banks, from Cane Creek Church, - - - - - - - -		12 37
21.	Through Mr. J. F. Matheson, from Camden Church, - - - - - -		27 13

Dec. 26.	Received in a Letter, dated Pickens, Alabama, from a Lady, a friend of Missions, - -		$10 00
1855.			
Jan'y. 2.	Through Mr. J. F. Matheson, from the Female Missionary Society of Sumterville, Presbyterian Church, - - - - - - -		91 66
6.	"Moore Fund" of 2d Presbyterian Church, Charleston, for Missions in Africa, - - -		32 80
9.	From Hector Cameron, for Home and Foreign Record, - - - - - -	12 50	
	For Foreign Missionary, - - -	50	13 00
	Monthly Collection, 2d Presbyterian Church, Charleston, 7th January, - - - -		27 00
12.	Through Mr. Jas. E. White, from Purity Church, Bethel Presbytery, for year 1854, - -		30 00
Feb'y. 5.	Monthly collection, 2d Presbyterian Church, Charleston, 4th February, - - - -		46 60
7.	Collection Juvenile Missionary Society of 2d Presbyterian Church, Charleston, - -		7 25
11.	Through Mr. Corbett, from Wilton Presbyterian Church, - - - - - - - -		60 00
27.	Through D. D. Moore, Treasurer, from Bethesda Church, Bethel Presbytery, - - -		37 00
March 1.	Through Rev. A. F. Dickson, from Coloured Congregation, John's Island Presbyterian Church, for Coris-co Mission School, - - -	20 00	
	From Members of same Church, -	5 00	25 00
7.	Monthly collection, 2d Presbyterian Church, Charleston, 4th March, - - - -		34 83
13.	Through Mr. John F. Matheson, from Camden Church, - - - - - -	58 50	
	From Hepzibah Church, - - -	17 00	75 50
16.	Dividend of Baltimore Bank Stock, John Blair's Legacy, from January last, - -		90 00
22.	Through Mr. John F. Matheson, Hopewell Church, - - - - -	99 56	
	From Mrs. Eliz. Witherspoon, Sumter District, - - - - - -	5 00	104 56

M'rch 22.	Through Rev. James A. Wallace, collection of Williamsburg Church,	$50 00		
	Dying Gift of Mrs. Virtue C. Fulton, for the Waldenses, - - - -	15 00	$65	00
	26. Through Mr. John F. Matheson, collection of Cheraw Church, - - - - - -		252	25
April	2. Collection of 2d Presbyterian Church, Charleston,		57	75
	4. Through Mr. Andrew Crawford, collection of Presbyterian Church, Columbia, - -		141	08
	7. Through Mr. John F. Matheson, from Lynchburg Church, - - -	10 50		
	Liberty Hill " - - -	15 00		
	Midway " - - -	14 00		
	Pine Tree " - - -	8 12		
	Mount Zion " - - - -	148 00		
	Lebanon " - - - -	22 00		
	Salem L. R. " - - -	41 00		
	Brewington, (coloured people), - -	2 07		
	Darlington Church, - - -	92 25	352	94
	Through Mr. Saml. Clark, collection Beach Island Church, - - - - - -		10	00
	21. Through Mr. John F. Matheson, from Darlington Church, - - -	5 00		
	Horeb " - - - -	5 00		
	Aimwell " - - - -	9 00	19	00
	24. Through Gen. S. R. Chandler, from Mrs. Leah McFadden, - -	10 00		
	Dr. R. R. Durant, - - - - -	10 00	20	00
	25. Through Mr. William Banks, from Catholic Church, Bethel Presbytery, - - -		59	00
	26. Sabbath School collection, 2d Presbyterian Church, Charleston, - - - - -		93	60
	27. Through F. H. Simril, collection Sunday School of Yorkville Presbyterian Church, - - -		6	00
May	7. Through Mr. P. E. Bishop, from Bethesda Church, for the Press, in Northern India,		50	00
	8. Collection, 2d Presbyterian Ch., Cha'ston, May 6,		65	22
June	9. Through J. J. Bowner, Treasurer, from Associate Reformed Synod of the South, for support of boys at school in Africa, - - - - -		300	00

June	9.	Through Mr. H. M. Bruns, Treasurer, from Third Presbyterian Church, Charleston, June 4th, Monthly concert,	$8 82	
		July 3d, Monthly Concert,	8 65	
		Nov. 17th, Sermon before Synod,	15 35	
		March 4th, Monthly Concert,	29 80	
		April 1st, " "	17 80	
		June 3d, " "	12 00	$92 42
	11.	Monthly collection, 2d Presbyterian Church, Charleston, 10th June,		18 00
	22.	Through Mr. Jas. R. Baird, collection in Allison Creek Church, Bethel Presbytery,		8 45
	30.	Through Rev. Edward Palmer, collection Presbyterian Church, Walterboro,		45 00
July	2.	Monthly collection, 2d Presbyterian Church, Charleston, 1st July,		30 25
	9.	From "The Moore Fund" of the 2d Presbyterian Church, Cha'ston, for African Missions,		52 80
	11.	Through Rev. B. M. Palmer, from a friend of Missions,		60 00
	20.	For Dividend on 80 Shares Farmers' and Planters' Bank of Baltimore, Legacy of John Blair, of York, South Carolina,		93 24
Aug.	7.	Collection, 2d Presbyterian Church, Charleston, 5th August,		18 80
	9.	Through A. O. Norris, Treasurer of Presbytery of South Carolina, balance on hand,	13	
		From Good Hope Church,	28 00	
		Midway "	1 50	
		Fairview "	8 25	
		Bethea "	4 30	
		Hopewell (Ke.) "	83 25	
		Duncan's Creek, "	2 50	
		Rock "	33 08	
		Rocky River "	12 50	
		Providence "	10 00	
		Laurens C. H. "	10 10	
		Anderson C. H. "	11 46	

August 9.	From Carmel Church, - -	$3 00		
	Upper Long Cane " - -	58 45		
	Lebanon " - -	19 52		
	Little River " - -	1 00		
	Bethany " - -	2 00		
	Warrior's Creek " - -	1 00		
	Friendship, by Mrs. Mary Simpson,	2 00		
	Greenville, by R. Brownlee, - -	28 45		
	Rev. Wm. McWhorter, - -	3 00	323	49
	Through Dr. James Morrow, Monthly collection, Willington Church, - - - - -		30	00
11.	Collection of Juvenile Missionary Society of the 2d Presbyterian Church, Charleston, - -		84	61
17.	Through Dr. James Morrow, collection, Willington Church, - - - - -		10	00
25.	Through Mr. A. A. James, from Miss Rebecca Davidson, for Domestic Missions, - - - - -	3 00		
	Foreign Missions, - - - -	2 00	5	00
Sept. 4.	Collection, 2d Presbyterian Church, Charleston,		24	60
Oct. 2.	Through Mr. J. G. Davidson, from Bullock Creek Church, - - - - -		5	35
8.	Collection, 2d Presbyterian Church, Charleston,		51	70
16.	Through Rev. John Douglas, from Ladies' Sewing Society, James Island Church, - - - - -	22 00		
	Monthly collections, - - -	40 83		
	Rev. J. Douglas, Annual donation,	40 00	102	83
	From Agricola, through Rev. J. B. Adger, -		100	00
22.	Through Mr. James Pagan, collection Presbyterian Church, - - - - - -		18	00
30.	Through Rev. J. B. Adger, from Beach Isl. Ch.,		13	60
Nov. 2.	Through Mr. Andrew Crawford, collection Presbyterian Church, Columbia, - -		306	04
5.	Collection, 2d Presbyterian Church, Charleston, 4th November, - - - - -		51	94
	From J. A. Enslow, Treasurer of Glebe Street Church, - - - - - - -		100	00
			$4,259	11

Appropriated as follows:

1854.

Nov. 20. To paid Executive Committee's order favor of Rev. E. Williams, Agent of Assembly's Board, to enable him to enter on his Agency, - - - $50 00

1855.

Feb. 10. To paid said Committee's order, to remit amount of funds on hand: Remitted in James Adger & Co's. draft on Brown, Brothers & Co., New York, in favour of William Rankin, Jr., Esq., Treasurer, on presentation, for 652 63, ¼ per ct. prem. - - - - - 654 26

May 2. To paid said Committee's order, to remit amount of funds in hand: Remitted in James Adger & Co's. draft on Brown, Brothers & Co., New York, in favor of William Rankin, Jr., Esq., Treasurer, on presentation, for $1,499 76, ¼ per cent. prem. - - - 1,503 51

Sept. 21. To paid for Check, Bank of Charleston, (No. 532,) on Bank of the State of New York, in favor of, and remitted to Wm. Rankin, Jr., Esq., Treasurer, for $1,297 02, ⅝ per cent. prem. - - - - - 1,301 88

Nov. 5. To paid Executive Committee's order, to remit balance of funds in hand: Remitted in James Adger & Co's. draft on Brown, Brothers & Co. in favour of Wm. Rankin, Jr., Esq., for $747 59, ¼ per cent. prem. 749 46—$4,259 11

JAMES ADGER, *Treasurer.*

CHARLESTON, Nov. 5th, 1855.

We have examined the above account and vouchers, and find the same correct.

W. C. DUKES,
J. M. CALDWELL.

REPORT

Of the Committee on Education, presented to Synod, at Camden, November, 1855.

RECEIPTS.

Amount of Income from Scholarships,	$1,264 07
Amount refunded by former Beneficiaries,	417 00
Contribution from Church of Columbia,	154 00
Contribution through Rev. Saml. H. Hay,	100 00
Contribution from Salem B. R. Church,	88 00
Contribution from Hopewell Church,	44 80
Payment of a note for a loan,	50 00
Whole amount of Receipts,	$2,117 87

DISBURSEMENTS.

Appropriated to nine Beneficiaries,	675 00
Loaned to three Seminary Students,	200 00
Amount of Disbursements,	$875 00

Contributions to the Cause of Education which were not paid over to this Committee.

In the Presbytery of Charleston two Churches supported five Beneficiaries,	$1,000 00
In the Presbytery of Harmony the contributions amounted to	504 05
In the Presbytery of South Carolina the Churches contributed	556 50
In the Presbytery of Bethel the amount contributed was	150 00
Whole amount contributed in the Synod, exclusive of the Committee,	$2,210 55

All of which is respectfully submitted.

A. W. LELAND,
Chairman Committee on Education.

TABLE OF RULING ELDERS

IN THE

SYNOD OF SOUTH-CAROLINA.

PRESBYTERY OF SOUTH CAROLINA.

Churches.	*Ruling Elders.*	*Post Offices.*	
Mount Zion,	Josias D. Gaillard,	Steele's P. O.,	S. Carolina.
	Jacob Belotte,	"	"
Midway,	G. W. Land,	Anderson C. H.,	"
	J. W. Drennan,	"	"
	W. C. Bailey,	"	"
	Jas. Erskine,	"	"
Good Hope,	L. A. Baker,	Rock Mills,	"
	S. A. Baker,	"	"
	Penuel Price,	Storeville,	"
	Andrew Reid,	Moffattsville,	"
	Saml McMahon,	"	"
	Wm. B. Sadler,	Mountvideo,	Georgia.
Roberts,	Thos. Cunningham,	Rock Mills,	S. C.
	James McLees,	Seneca	"
	James Gilmer,	"	"
	J. J. McLees,	Sadler's Creek,	"
	F. E. Harrison,	Andersonville,	"
Aveleigh,	Job Johnson,	Newberry C. H.	"
	G. W. Glenn,	Beth Eden,	"
	Isaac Keller,	Newberry C. H.,	"
	Geo. D. Smith,	"	"
	John Long,	"	"
	David E. Ewart,	"	"
	John O. Peoples,	"	"
Broadaway,	James Telford,	Belton,	"
	George B. Telford,	"	"

Churches.	*Ruling Elders.*	*Post Offices.*	
Broadaway,	James Todd,	Belton,	S. C.
	Thos. Erskine,	"	"
	Austin Williams,	Williamston,	"
Carmel,	W. W. Knight,	Double Branches,	"
	D. K. Hamilton,	"	"
	T. G. Boggs,	"	"
	T. H. Russel,	"	"
	T. H. McCann,	Equality,	"
	A. M. Hamilton,	Pickensville,	"
Pickens, C. H.	J. W. Norris,	Pickens, C. H.	"
	James George,	"	"
Mount Tabor,	John Smith,	New Hope,	"
	Nathaniel Smith,	Buena Vista,	"
	James H. Dickson,	Milford,	"
Lebanon,	John S. Reid,	Calhoun's Mills,	"
	James Pursley,	Warrenton,	"
	S. F. Gibert,	Abbeville C. H.	"
	Thos. Griffin,	"	"
Bethia,	Andrew McLane,	Calhoun's Mills,	"
Nazareth (B. D.)	Mathew Martin,	Fairplay,	"
	Alexander W. Glenn,	"	"
	B. B. Harris,	"	"
	James Young,	"	"
	J. Moore,	"	"
	M. Ussery.	"	"
Retreat,	L. H. Verner,	Bachelor's Retreat,	"
	Simpson Dixon,	"	"
	Wm. Steele,	Horse Shoe P. O.	"
	Patrick Miller, P. M.,	Claremont "	"
Richland,	Francis Jenkins,	Bounty Land,	"
	Rhodum Doyle,	"	"
Bethel,	S. R. McFall,	Oconee Station,	"
	John Todd,	"	"
	Archibald D. Gaillard,	"	"
Willington,	Robt. Brady,	Willington,	"
	N. Harris,	"	"
	Paul Rodgers,	"	"
	Wm. T. Drennan,	Mt. Carmel,	"

Churches.	*Ruling Elders.*	*Post Offices.*	
Hopewell, (Keo.)	E. B. Benson,	Pendleton,	S. C.
	S. S. Cherry.	"	"
	Elam Sharp,	"	"
	Carver Randell,	"	"
Rocky Spring,	Wm. Blakely,	Clinton,	"
	Chas. Blakely,	"	"
	John Templeton,	Laurens C. H.	"
	Roberson Rowland,	"	"
	Lewis Duval,	"	"
	J. H. Dillard,	"	"
Friendship,	Isaac P. Boyd,	Simpson's Mills,	"
	D. R. Dorrough,	"	"
	S. D. Glenn,	"	"
	Saml. Austin,	"	"
Fairview,	A. W. Peden,	Fountain Inn	"
	J. M. Harrison,	"	"
	A. Thompson,	"	"
	Adam Stennis,	Fairview,	"
	Jas. E. Savage,	"	"
	Jas. Dunbar,	"	"
New Harmony,	Robt. Gilliland,	Fountain Inn,	"
	M. P. Evans,	"	"
	David Stoddard,	"	"
Duncan's Creek,	Thos. Weir,	Rheynosa,	"
	James Braddock,	"	"
Rock,	John Logan,	Greenwood,	"
	E. R. Calhoun,	"	"
	James Gillam,	"	"
	Wm. N. Blake,	"	"
	John McClellan,	White Hall,	"
Washington St.	Whitford Smith,	Greenville C. H.	"
	John Adams,	"	"
	J. P. Hillhouse,	"	"
	L. B. Cline,	"	"
	T. C. Gower,	"	"
Greenville,	James Cowan,	Due West Corner,	"
	R. A. Archer,	"	"
	A. J. Stevenson,	"	"

Churches.	*Ruling Elders.*	*Post Offices.*	
	Joseph Dickson,	Cokesbury,	S. C.
	W. W. Higgins,	"	"
	Robt. Brownlee,	Donnaldsville,	"
	Saml. Donnald,	"	"
	D. L. Donnald,	"	"
Providence,	Isaac Carlile	Lowndsville,	"
	A. W. Walker,	"	"
	John Speer,	Wilson's Creek,	"
	J. H. Baskin,	Mountain View,	"
Rocky River,	A. Giles,	Monterey, P. O.	"
	Peter Gibert,	"	"
	T. T. Cunningham,	Wilson's Creek,	"
Bethany,	Geo. Byrd,	Huntington	"
	Joshua Saxon,	"	"
	D. C. Templeton,	"	"
	S. Stewart,	"	"
Nazareth,	S. N. Evans,	Poolsville,	"
	Andrew Barry,	"	"
	A. P. Miller,	"	"
	D. M. Bryce,	"	"
	J. J. Vernon,	New Hope,	"
	Jas. N. Gaston,	"	"
	M. Wakefield,	"	"
	M. Smith,	"	"
Laurens C. H.	Jno. W. Simpson,	Laurens C. H.	"
	S. R. Todd,	"	"
	John McClintock,	"	"
	John Kyle,	"	"
	Thos. Blakeley,	"	"
	Jas. Davis,	"	"
Anderson C. H.	J. N. Whitner,	Anderson C. H.	"
	Wm. Harrison,	"	"
	A. O. Norris,	"	"
	A. B. Towers,	"	"
Liberty Spring,	R. Campbell,	Cross Hill,	"
	M. Bryson,	"	"
	Jas. Leman,	"	"
	J. P. Watts,	"	"

Churches.	*Ruling Elders.*	*Post Offices.*	
	Wm. Philips,	Cross Hill,	S. C.
	R. C. Austin,	"	"
	R. E. Campbell,	"	"
Little River,	J. G. Williams,	Milton,	"
	J. H. Boyd,	"	"
Up'r Long Cane,	R. H. Wardlaw,	Abbeville C. H.	"
	J. F. Livingston,	"	"
	T. C. Perrin,	"	"
	Saml. Reid,	"	"
	Lemuel Reid,	"	"
	Mathew R. Cochran,	"	"
	Leroy C. Wilson,	"	"
	Wm. Gordon,	"	"
Little Mountain,	R. C. Harkness,	Temple of Health,	"
	Albert Johnson,	"	"
	Abram Haddan,	"	"
Varennes,	James Thompson,	Storeville,	"
	Thomas Pennel,	"	"
	W. A. Brownlee,	Varennes,	"
	John Herron,	"	"
Smyrna,	David B. Piester,	Newberry C. H.	"
	Geo. Boozer,	"	"
	David Boozer,	Belmont,	"
	John Senn,	"	"
	C. C. Teague,	Newberry C. H.	"
	Jas. M. Senn,	Belmont,	"
Hopewell,	M. O. McCaslan,	Calhoun's Mills,	"
	Wm. McCaslan,	"	"
	M. O. Talman,	"	"
Tugulo,	P. H. Prather,	Walton's Ford, Ga.	
	W. B. Dickson,	Horse Shoe P. O.,	S. C.
Little River,(Abb.)	F. A. Calhoun,	Mt. Carmel,	"
	Jas. McKelvy,	"	"
	Wm. H. Simpson,	Willington.	"
Spartanb'rg C. H.	Jas. Farrow,	Spartanburg C. H.	"
	David C. Judd,	"	"
	John McFarland,	"	"
North Pacolet,	Wm. E. Jackson,	Jacksonville,	"

Churches.	*Ruling Elders.*	*Post Offices.*	
	J. F. Jackson,	Jacksonville,	S. C.
	Henry Kelsoe,	"	"
Mt. Calvary,	M. O. Miller,	Woodruff's	"
	R. McCarley,	"	"
Warriors Creek,	Saml. Mills,	Scuffletown,	"
	R. McClintock,	"	"
Antioch,	John Anderson,	Cashville,	"
	A. C. Jackson,	"	"
	Robt. Blakely,	"	"
Mt. Bethel,	Geo. Turnipseed,	Mt. Bethel,	"
	Geo. B. Boozer,	"	"
Gilder's Creek,	Wm. Mars,	Liberty Hall,	"
	J. Albert Mars,	"	"
Bethesda,	Robt. Talbert,	Phœnix,	"
	W. C. Sproul,	White Hall,	"
Clinton,	John Blakely,	Clinton,	"
	E. T. Copeland,	"	"
	Robt. Phinney,	"	"

PRESBYTERY OF BETHEL.

Churches.	*Ruling Elders.*	*Post Offices.*	
Bethel,	Joseph Adams,	Zeno P. O.,	S. C.
	Wm. Adams,	"	"
	J. D. P. Currence	"	"
	J. J. Wilson,	"	"
	A. A. McKenzie,	"	"
Beersheba,	Hillaniah McCall,	Yorkville,	"
	Hugh Dickey	"	"
	W. L. Brown,	"	"
	W. Brown,	"	"
	John Brown,	"	"
	Amos Burns,	"	"
	Eli Meek,	"	"
	James Caldwell,	Clark's Fork P. O.	"

Churches.	*Ruling Elders.*	*Post Offices.*	
Bethesda,	James Moore,	Guthriesville,	S. C.
	Josiah Moore,	McConnelsville,	"
	Frank Moore,	Guthriesville P. O.	"
	Alexander Erwin, P. M.,	"	"
	John Tipping,	"	"
	Wm. Hanna,	Tirzah P. O.	"
Bullock's Creek,	John G. Davidson,	Bullock's Creek P. O.	"
	W. White,	"	"
	A. Kirkpatrick,	"	"
	J. S. Hemphill,	Blairsville,	"
	J. P. Hood,	"	"
Allison's Creek,	Ezekiel Fewell,	Clay Hill P. O.	"
	A. D. Choate,	"	"
	W. B. Allison,	"	"
	J. S. Simril,	"	"
Catholic,	James King	Hazelwood,	"
	Wm. Marion,	"	"
	R. B. Caldwell, Esq.,	"	"
	John Douglas, Sr.,	Blackstock,	"
	Wm. Wylie,	"	"
	D. R. Stevenson,	Rossville,	"
	Wm. Anderson,	Beckhamville,	"
Cane Creek,	Abram McJunkin,	Union C. H.	"
	F. Hobson,	"	"
	R. G. Otts,	"	"
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	A Garrison,	"	"
	P. Garrison,	"	"
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	R. Stringfellow,	"	"
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	E. R. Mills,	"	"
	G. H. Neely,	"	"
	J. H. Crawford,	"	"
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	Dr. S. Means,	"	"
	B. Kennedy,	"	"
	Thos. P. Kennedy,	Bogansville,	"
	J. A. McDowell,	Jonesville,	"
	John Wright,	"	"
	John McJunkin,	"	"
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	W. L. Ratterree,	"	"
	Major W. S. Dunlap,	"	"
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	W. D. Henry,	"	"
	Robt. Wylie,	"	"
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	M. H. Robinson,	"	"
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	Hugh White,	"	"
	John Agnew,	"	"
	Wm. Wallace,	"	"
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	J. S. Plexco,	"	"
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	D. D. Wilson,	"	"
	S. Scott,	"	"
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	J. McCown,	"	"
	H. Cameron,	"	"
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	H. A. Milling,	"	"
	Charles Bell,	Monticello,	"
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	J. M. Goza,	Ridgeway,	S. C.
	J. E. Robinson,	"	"
Scion,	W. McCreight,	Winnsboro,	"
	J. McCreight,	"	"
	A. W. Youngue,	"	"
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	S. A. Burgess,	"	"
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	S. E. Wilson,	"	"
	A. F. Wilson,	"	"
	Dr. E. M. Gregg,	"	"
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	Neill McDuffie,	Peedee,	"
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